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New Chamber President Hopes to Increase Impact Of Growing Organization

After an extensive search to fill a vacant spot for its president and CEO, the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that Karen Colimore, a former executive director of Cancer Care of New Jersey, will be installed in mid-September, ushering in a new era for the Chamber, which had been without an executive for close to four months.

The hiring comes at a point in the Chamber's history when its reach has increased to new levels. With over 1,000 member businesses spanning nine counties in New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania, the organization has ripened, but for Ms. Colimore, 53, there is still plenty of growth to come.

"I'm really interested in working with the membership and board, and with the businesses in the area," Ms. Colimore said this week. "Everyone seems really positive and interested in bringing the chamber to the next level," she said, citing recent organizational growth trends that include the chamber's Princeton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the recently formed Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation that will concentrate on children's education.

The chamber has also recently completed a three-year strategic plan that will help dictate organizational direction. Additionally, Ms. Colimore said, using the Convention & Visitors Bureau will increase contact beyond the greater Princeton area. In late summer 2004, the chamber's board of directors, headed up by Herbert Ames, decided to relaunch the bureau, establishing a steering committee of interested chamber member volunteers. The goal was to spread the word about Princeton, and Ms. Colimore said there is more opportunity there. "There's just an incredible environment around us," she said.

However, Ms. Colimore, a current Bergen County resident who is expected to relocate to the Princeton area, credited a balance between large corporations and the small business members that belong to the chamber with the steady growth of the entire Princeton region. "I think the smaller companies can survive here because of the strong sense of community; it really works very well."

"I think smaller companies can really learn about how large companies do business, and I think there's a synergy

DOT to Mayors: Proceed With Caution

When Princeton Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman and Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand approached Assemblyman Reed Gusciora to orchestrate a meeting of stakeholders to examine the potential traffic impact of the planned relocation of the University Medical Center at Princeton on the Penns Neck portion of Route 1, the hope was that the state Department of Transportation would offer a sympathetic ear.

While DOT listened, and was sympathetic, few concerns were immediately answered.

The prospect of the hospital's relocation to the FMC Corp. site in Plainsboro has raised concern for several area officials who worry that emergency vehicles traveling along Princeton's Route 1 exit roads — Alexander Street, Washington Road, and Harrison Street — will exacerbate existing rush hour bottleneck conditions.

Of particular concern is the logjam on a West Windsor portion of Harrison Street headed toward Route 1 that suffers during rush hour. While Princeton will have several planned exit routes, it is likely that Harrison Street will be most used, as the proposed hospital will be located just north of where Harrison meets Route 1.

Princeton officials have envisioned

creating a left-turn-only lane at the intersection of Harrison and Route 1 where emergency vehicles could conceivably bypass the bottleneck, but DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri, citing the \$400 million Penns Neck bypass improvement project that includes a \$100 million price tag for a Harrison Street overpass, remained tentative in any immediate solutions.

"We don't make funding decisions in a vacuum," Mr. Kolluri said, adding that installing a left turn signal now could

make the \$100 million overpass project "obsolete."

"We are looking at the corridor as a whole. Nobody wants to make a short-term investment," he said.

But both Princeton mayors, as well as West Windsor Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, said a move now could preclude the need for more drastic measures in the future. "We're trying to be proactive here, rather than reactive," Ms. Marchand said. Ms.

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Cute Gifts, But Lead Paint Causes Library Replacement

Princeton Public Library is issuing replacement toys as prizes to its summer reading club members in response to a recall of toys already distributed. The toys — 4-inch high bendable cat and dogs — have been found to contain unacceptable levels of lead. The library purchased about 250 of the toys for distribution to club members. About 180 were distributed.

The library immediately halted distribution of the 4-inch bendable cats and dogs after receiving reports that follow-up tests conducted on the toys revealed lead content of 0.227 percent. Federal regulations require that the lead content not exceed

0.06 percent. "We began issuing fous as soon as we heard there was a problem with this item," said Elba Barzelato, the Library's Assistant Director. "We share the concerns of the parents of children who received these toys and advise them to simply throw the toys away." According to a press release issued on August 17 by Tim Quinn, the Library's public information officer, all who have received the toys should dispose of them and pick up a replacement item on their next visit to the library. There is no need to bring in the old prize in order to receive the replacement.

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JAZZ FOR SMALL MIRACLES: Princeton's band, The Section, performing Saturday at the Princeton Youth Jazz Festival at the Shopping Center: Geoffrey Irving, keyboards; Matt Gerard, drums; Sam Smith, trumpet, and Owen Schochet, sax. Hosted by Professor Anthony Branker, director of the Princeton University Jazz Program, the event was a benefit for the Small Miracles Foundation and MIMA Music. The other two bands were The Real Band from Montgomery and Smiles Davis from Hillsborough.

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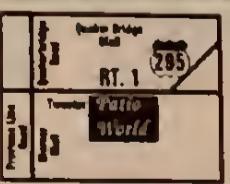
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Dog Walk Sculptures To Be Auctioned Off

All summer, 51 dog statues have stood at attention in local store windows and community buildings as part of The Princeton Dog Walk 2006, a fundraiser sponsored by the Auxiliary of University Medical Center

All other dogs, including those designed by sculptor J. Seward Johnson, author Joyce Carol Oates, and architect Michael Graves, will be sold during a live auction which is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m.

Tickets to attend the auction are \$50 and seating is limited. Opening bids for each dog will begin at \$400. For additional information on The Princeton Dog Walk 2006 visit princetonhcs.org/auxiliary or call (609) 497-4192.

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

Johnson Park School Principal Bob Ginsberg has replaced Nancy Russell as president of the Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Ginsberg, a Freehold Township resident, has been a member of the library board since 1998. Apart from Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, he is the longest serving member on the board, which he joined as the representative of the Princeton Regional Schools. Among his aims as board president, Mr. Ginsberg cited the enhancement of the relationship between the Friends of the Princeton Public Library and the Princeton Public Library Foundation, and the maintenance of a "fiscally responsible" budget. In addition, he said he aims to increase fund-raising and provide more guidance to new board members. Mr. Ginsberg will attend a state conference for library trustees in September.

Princeton University Mathematics Professor Andrei Okounkov has received one of this year's Fields Medals, widely considered to be the math world's equivalent of the Nobel Prize. The awards for outstanding mathematical achievement were presented earlier today (August 22) at the opening ceremony of the International Congress of Mathematicians in Madrid. Dr. Okounkov, who has been at the University since 2002, has been lauded for his ability to find connections between seemingly unrelated fields, such as algebraic geometry in mathematics and statistical mechanics in physics.

In other University news, **Princeton University** ranked first in the U.S. News and World Report "2007 America's Best Colleges" in the category Best National Universities, a position achieved every year since 2000. Princeton also was No. 1 for students graduating with the least debt and ranked No. 3 for best value. The magazine also placed the University in the top 25 for national universities with the greatest economic diversity and recognized the school in "First-year Experiences," an unranked category among universities offering programs that routinely give freshmen an opportunity to connect with faculty.

Comair, a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, signed a contract last week enabling the carrier to fly out of Trenton-Mercer Airport. The new arrangement allows for three daily roundtrip flights to Boston's Logan International Airport and one roundtrip flight per day to Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. With Atlanta connecting to 93 cities worldwide, and Boston connecting to 17 cities, County Executive Brian Hughes said area residents would have "unprecedented access" to various destinations: "People can literally check their bags at Trenton-Mercer Airport and pick them up in Paris or Chicago."

West Nile Virus Hits Princeton; Health Department Issues Warnings

The Princeton Regional Health Department announced last week that a dead crow found recently in Princeton Borough has been identified as carrying the West Nile Virus encephalitis, a mosquito-borne viral disease that can cause inflammation in the brain. It was the first documented case in Mercer County this year.

"It's not new, but this means that it's in the area and it's been here for quite a number of years, actually," said David Henry, health officer for the health department, adding that while the occurrence of West Nile is not uncommon,

identifying a case this late in the season is rare. The West Nile peak season, which runs from April 15 to October 15, usually produces first cases far earlier.

Despite recent spells of heat and dampness, the lack of cases can be viewed as positive, Mr. Henry said: "I kind of view that as a good sign in a way, because it could mean that the prevalence of West Nile is in decline."

The summer has been fairly "typical," Mr. Henry said. However, his observations are in line with recent trends. The disease was first detected in New Jersey in 2000, with

cases of humans contracting the virus spiking in 2003 with 34 incidences. Last year, there were just five documented cases of the virus in humans living in New Jersey.

Though most cases are found in birds, and while the risk of humans contracting the disease is not high, Mr. Henry said certain precautions should be taken to avoid potential health risks. Residents should be diligent in avoiding possible breeding areas on their properties, such as discarded tires, birdbaths, children's wading pools, garden pots, buckets, tin cans, bird feeders, and fountains. Mr. Henry recommended that swimming pools should be cleaned and maintained regularly to avoid mosquito-breeding areas.

paralysis, coma, and death are possible, they are classified as rare.

Dogs and cats are rarely infected with the virus, and humans, according to the state's health department, cannot contract the virus through infected birds.

In the meantime, Mr. Henry

said that while enjoying summer weather, residents should remain careful, wearing insect repellent containing DEET "wherever there is stagnant or standing water," he said.

For larger standing water problems, Mr. Henry said to call the Mercer County Mosquito Control at (609) 530-7501.

— Matthew Hersh

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Trotman indicated the "severe need" for the ability for emergency vehicles to manage the intersection more effectively, floating the idea of creating a traffic signal that would be responsive to emergency lights. Mr. Kolluri seemed sympathetic to that idea.

That said, Mr. Hsueh and hospital officials were hopeful that certain measures could be taken before the hospital opens its doors to its new facility, which is slated to occur in mid-2010, according to Pam Hersh, vice president for government and community affairs for Princeton HealthCare System, the hospital's parent entity. Ms. Hersh said that access to Route 1 from Princeton is "problematic" in its current form. "The Penns Neck bypass will help, but we need help now," she said.

Mr. Hsueh took that idea further, saying that if the hospital were to move, DOT should consider moving the overpass project ahead of schedule. That project, Mr. Kolluri said, would not likely get underway until between 2010 and 2012. The commissioner also cited a five-year, \$1.6 billion Transportation Trust Fund that allows DOT little breathing room. However, he did suggest that as Harrison Street is a county road, Mercer County could earmark a portion of its \$2.4 million annual state allowance to build a temporary improvement to the intersection.

County Engineer Greg Sandusky said a reconfiguration of the intersection would be "somewhat tough" because of adjacent wetlands related to the Millstone River, the nearby Eden Institute, and a Sunoco service station.

—Matthew Hersh

Alzheimer's Association Schedules Memory Walk

The Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has announced that its Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will take place on Sunday, October 15 at Educational Testing Service. Hundreds are expected to participate in the annual event that supports the programs and services the Chapter offers to more than 350,000 New Jerseyans and their families affected by the disease.

The three-mile, non-competitive walk will include entertainment, celebrities, food, and prizes. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., with the Walk kick-off at 10 a.m.

The event is one of three regional Memory Walks planned by the Greater New Jersey Chapter and scheduled for the fall. The Southern Regional Memory Walk will take place on September 30 in Point Pleasant; the Northern Regional Walk on October 29 in Paramus.

The Memory Walk is the largest national fund-raising event for Alzheimer's disease support programs and is held in more than 600 communities across the country. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$200 million for programs and services to support individuals with the disease.

For more information call the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter at (609) 514-1180 or visit www.alznj.org.

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Question of the Week:

What are your thoughts about Attorney General Zulima Farber's resignation after an investigative report found that she acted unethically when she came to the aid of her companion during a traffic violation?



"I thought it was too bad that someone would do something like that without really thinking about the consequences. It seems like a silly thing to have to resign over."

— Analis Quintman, S. Stanworth Drive



"It seems to me that she used her office to influence the traffic violation, which was an abuse of her position."

— Joe Mulrooney, Birch Avenue



"Officials need to be held to a higher standard and accountable for their actions and not to expect any preferential treatment."

— Jim Simon, Edgerstoune Road



"She abused her office. Maybe she did not say anything overtly to change the situation, but she showed up there and abused her office for a friend's benefit and I think she should have resigned."

— John Astrod, Nassau Street



"It makes sense. When you are in a position like that, you can't do favors for people. It just goes from one thing to another and it can go bigger from there, so where do you put the limits?"

— Vinnia Yoon and Xavier, West Windsor

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Security Questions Bring Quark Park Back Before Borough Zoning Board

A misstatement-turned-public-record given during a hearing held by the Princeton Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment by an organizer of Quark Park could delay the progress of the outdoor art and science installation along Paul Roberson Place in Palmer Square.

Kevin Wilkes, an architect and Quark Park principal, received permission from the Borough in June to build temporary structures on the undeveloped expanse in Palmer Square. Mr. Wilkes was given the nod to develop the site, which is slated to be the future home of 100 luxury residences, under the condition that all structures be removed by November 30 of this year.

However, a detail that was construed as minutiae by Borough zoners has since piqued the interest of Palmer Square principals who have expressed security concerns in relation to the park, which lies on Palmer Square-owned property.

Mr. Wilkes testified that Palmer Square Management, LLC, agreed to provide security services for the park,

which will be open until 11 p.m., during hours after sunset. He testified that Quark Park's predecessor, 2004's Writers Block, had benefited from the same in-house security watch and that oversight would largely function in the same manner.

David Newton, vice president for Palmer Square Management, disagrees.

"Somehow, it made its way into public record," he said, indicating that Palmer Square counsel had advised that the Borough's Zoning Board revisit that portion of the application to remove the item. "We didn't provide security in 2004, and I don't see this was anything more than a mistake," Mr. Newton said.

While Quark Park organizers admit to having made an error in testimony, it appears as though, while security detail was provided in the zoning hearing, it was not done as a condition of approval, thus, the approval does not bind Palmer Square to providing evening security — a service Mr. Newton estimated at around \$30,000 if the park runs through Thanksgiving, as

intended.

Derek Bridger, zoning officer for the Borough, said that if Palmer Square wants to revise Mr. Wilkes's statements, Quark Park must notify all immediate neighbors and bring the application before the Zoning Board for a hearing, slated for tomorrow evening, August 24, at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall. However, Mr. Bridger did indicate that as the approval now stands, Palmer Square would not be bound to act on Mr. Wilkes's security claims.

The costs for notifying neighbors, use of the zoning board attorney, and public posting hover around \$1,000: an unnecessary cost, Mr. Wilkes, said: "When the garden is struggling financially, it's hard."

But Mr. Newton has placed the blame on all parties involved, saying there was a simple lack of communication: "Blame [Quark Park] for being careless, blame us for being rigid, and blame the Borough for not being flexible."

In any case, Mr. Newton said that the zoning administrative costs for park organizers is far less than the value of the space provided by Palmer Square, adding that such projects work as a two-way street, with Quark Park participants being provided with a place to express a creative ideal, and Palmer Square benefiting from the pedestrian traffic the attraction brings to the area. "My role is to attract people to Palmer Square," Mr. Newton said, but added that, as is the case with the nearby Herban Garden, vacant lots can be turned to good use. Promotionally, it's a "gift," Mr. Newton added.

While Mr. Wilkes said he understood security concerns on Palmer Square's end, he questioned the park's promotional role. "It's news to me that a direct quid pro quo was involved," he said, adding that while organizers had planned events with "several" Palmer Square vendors, the park "is not a marketing engine." He said he was confident that the area would benefit from the park's presence. "We will bring people to town. Will that help promote business? Of course it will."

—Matthew Hersh

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in capacity that goes both ways," she said, adding that larger chamber member businesses often follow the example of the smaller enterprises that are able to achieve lofty goals with limited resources. "The chamber is a good way to share resources and strategize with one another," she said.

Ms. Collmore's hiring follows the departure of former chamber president and CEO Kristin Appelget, who in May became the director of Community and Regional Affairs at Princeton University.

Leaving a Manhattan job and relocating to Princeton from Bergen County might seem like a daunting task for most, but Ms. Collmore, who is currently the senior director of major gifts for New York University's Medical Center and last lived in Princeton eight years ago, said she will easily adjust.

"Princeton has always been like home to me," she said.

In addition to the aforementioned posts, Ms. Collmore has also served as the president of the SERV (Social, Educational, Residential, Vocational) foundation, and as the vice president of fund development for the SERV Centers of New Jersey. Karen Jezierny, chair of the chambers board of directors, cited Ms. Collmore's experience with not-for-profit organizations as a major factor leading to her hiring.

—Matthew Hersh

Evergreen Forum Announces Fall Semester Curriculum

Courses in literature, art, music, geography, history, politics, and science are being offered by the Evergreen Forum this fall. The 2006 U.S. Congressional elections will provide the text for "On the Campaign Trail", which will follow the campaigns for various House seats and will focus on how issues such as the Iraq War, taxes, deficits and health insurance, affect the races.

Toni Morrison, Thomas Hardy, Emily Dickinson, Lord Byron, Homer, and Congreve are some of the writers being considered. Congreve can be found in the ever-popular series of "Plays Off the Page", offered by local actress and teacher Barbara Herzberg, which will focus on 18th Century Comedies this term. Byron, along with Shelley, Goethe, and others are included in "Romanticism in Germany and England". Dickinson, Whitman and other English and American writers are in "The Literature of Solitude", while Morrison, Hardy, and Homer's Iliad have courses of their own.

"Geographical Links" will use human geography to help interpret life in different areas, such as living on a sand bar, development of rain forests, and global migration. "Science Tuesday on Thursday" will answer the questions you were afraid to ask about articles in the weekly New York Times section.

"Jazz Singers" will use George Wilson's extensive record collection. "The Middle Ages" will cover the complex church-state relations of the period. Other courses will feature special exhibits at the Zimmerli and Philadelphia Art Museums; the causes of the American Revolutionary War; and Women in Culture and Society.

The Evergreen Forum offers stimulating and intellectually challenging daytime courses for adults and is sponsored by the Princeton Senior Resource Center. Courses are held at locations in Princeton once a week for approximately eight weeks, beginning September 25. There is a registration fee of \$50 for one course and \$35 for additional courses. Registrations are now being accepted.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



Victoria Liberatori

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

Vicki Liberatori is in love with the language of Shakespeare. Her mission is to make him accessible to modern audiences. For that, she says, actors need to be completely at ease with his lines, the rhythm of his language. Ms. Liberotori directs Princeton's summer Shakespeare Festival. If she senses actors having difficulty, she'll ask them to paraphrase the lines into contemporary English. If actors can transfer that transparency to the Shakespearean lines, the audience will get it, she says.

The Princeton Repertory Company's new production of *Twelfth Night* places Malvolio, Olivia, Viola and crew in a 1960s setting. There's (just) still time to catch it at the Pettoranello Gardens amphitheater.

Linda Arntzenius

I'm not an actor — I was an English major with a minor in film at Douglass College. Every spare moment I had there, I was compelled to go into New York to see plays. I came up through script analysis, working for Broadway producers, reading and recommending new play submissions.

I was born in Trenton and I live in Skillman now but I lived in Princeton for over 18 years. I came to Princeton from New Orleans where I was in law school at Loyola University. I was in law school because my father wanted me to be a lawyer. I was in New Orleans because Lillian Hellman and Tennessee Williams both lived there and wrote about the city. But I didn't like the practice of law so I dropped out and got a job in Princeton with a multi-media company that did everything from print through film.

I'd really always wanted to be a film director; that was my original dream. I wasn't exposed to theater until my teens. Film was an obsession. I was a film nerd, into Elia Kazan — pieces based on plays — a William Inge nut, and fascinated by Stanley Kubrick. I was drawn to the rebel, anti-establishment movement that happened in the early seventies, my formative period.

When Betty Fenton, a classmate at Douglass College, and I co-founded the Princeton Repertory Company in 1984, our mission was to do contemporary and original scripts. We produced some world premieres and many New Jersey premieres, like *Reckless* by Craig Lucas and *Goblin Market* by Polly Penn and Peggy Harmon. We did the New Jersey premiere of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Christopher Hampton's adaptation of the novel by Laclos. The George Street Playhouse followed two weeks later, so how we managed to pull that off is amazing. We did the New Jersey premiere of Michael Frayn's *Alphabetical Order*, and many, many, others. We also wanted to focus on plays of the working class because we felt that they were not represented on the American stage.

From Contemporary to Shakespeare

The Princeton Repertory Company was never able to establish a site-specific identity. We had to be nomadic. All those early plays were done on the Princeton University campus at the Murray Theater. I think we're the only outside organization that has done two full summer seasons there. We also did a season at the George Street Playhouse and we used the Arts Council.

Anne Reiss joined the company in 1994. She had a background in Shakespeare at RADA and the RSC and she became our executive producer. Anne has a great love of Shakespeare and I caught the bug from her. Once I started working on Shakespeare, I couldn't stop. I love the opportunity to work on the greatest scripts ever written in the English language.

David Newton of Palmer Square management, a great supporter of the company, approached us with the idea of doing something in the square. We inaugurated Shakespeare in the Square in 1995. It grew so big we had to turn people away. Once we were so mobbed that one of our interns turned away the mayor and his wife!

When Mayor Reed and Mayor Marchand in conjunction with the *Pettoranello Foundation* approached us with the prospect of the Princeton Repertory Company taking Shakespeare to Pettoranello Park, that became the Princeton Shakespeare Festival. The 2000 season was hugely successful beyond the expectations of the Princeton Recreation Department and our own. When the summer Shakespeare Festival was first mounted at Pettoranello Park in 2000 we thought it would be the Princeton Repertory Company's permanent home and that we'd be doing at least two plays each summer season. We even dared to hope that we might do three. But the season drew large crowds and once the space became known and the venue became more popular, we found that we had to compete with others for space. That was very disappointing. We've been here for 22 years. We're not a flash in the pan. In 2005 we were offered a very short performance season. We felt let down.

The Princeton Repertory Company is an actors equity company. Our actors come from New York, from Philadelphia, and from Princeton. We try to use local actors as much as we can. *Twelfth Night* has four: Vivian Font, Swann Gruen, Daniel Marmion, and Chris O'Sander.

There is a substantial audience for Shakespeare here. On average we have between 250 and 350 each night. Comedies are much more popular than tragedies. We attract a diverse audience, from very young children to the elderly. This year we weighed "the Scottish play" [observing theatrical superstition, Ms. Liberotori uses this euphemism when referring to *Macbeth*], *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *Twelfth Night*.

I like working with actors who have proven themselves such as Donald Kimmel who plays Malvolio. He's an outstanding Shakespearean actor who really understands how to deliver a Shakespearean line. It saddens me that American actors are not trained for this. When you can deliver a Shakespearean line the way it is written, the result is the most beautiful symphony of sound and meaning ever created.

Accessing Shakespeare

Shakespeare is not safe. He delves into controversial issues. Modern audiences often think that he writes plot-driven material. He doesn't. Shakespeare writes about the most profound human mysteries such as gender identity and the meaning of love. The relationships in Shakespeare are so rich. The father/daughter and mother/son relationships are extraordinary. You can't come away from directing a Shakespeare play without being changed in a deep way. You can see the impact on the audience. That's why it's so important for the language to be accessible.

Shakespeare set his plays, including the Roman plays, in contemporary Elizabethan time and culture. Personally, I find Shakespeare in classic costume incredibly boring. I don't relate to it. I need to relate to the themes and locales, and social and cultural environment of the play. *Twelfth Night* is about flaunting and violating social structures such as class and gender. A man falls in love with a man in order to eventually love a woman and a woman falls in love with a woman in order to eventually love a man. The sixties was a time of tremendous change and social and sexual revolution, exploring previously taboo sexual dimensions of life.

Also, in *Twelfth Night*, music is intrinsic to characterization. There are passages in the play where characters' innermost feelings are triggered by the music. That happened in the sixties, a decade defined by its music and the upheaval that it helped create.

Wish List

I'm not a typical artistic director. I wear a multitude of hats. During rehearsals everything is focused on the script. Right now, I'm returning press calls, trying to get reviews, interviews, working with graphics and web designers to prepare publicity materials — a lot of promotional and fundraising activities.

My dream is for a tented outdoor space like that of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Company which can perform in the most extreme weather conditions, with separated dressing rooms and bathrooms with running water. It would be wonderful to have a much more sophisticated tech booth. To make that happen, however, we'd need a visionary to spearhead the upgrade of the Pettoranello Gardens amphitheatre into a professional performance space, like the Delacorte in Central Park but on a smaller scale.

Shakespeare outdoors under the stars is an unparalleled experience. He wrote for it to be performed outdoors for the Globe Theatre. There are plans that you always hear of for a Globe on the Hudson. I don't know if Princeton could compete with that but wouldn't it be fabulous to have a theater built for Shakespeare to be performed outdoors right here in Princeton. It's a dream I dare not have. We've had enough problems trying to find a space, let alone dream about creating a Globe here in Princeton.



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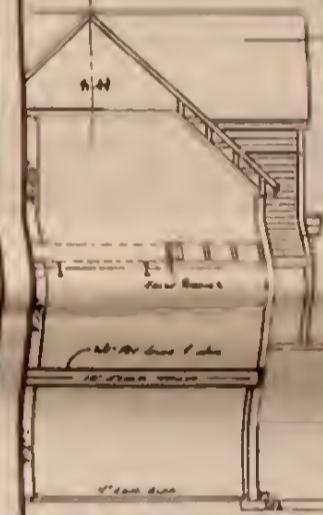


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Lead Paint
continued from page one**Nationwide Recall**

Princeton Public Library is not alone. Nationwide, 165,000 bendable toys were purchased by thousands of public libraries and offered as part of the collaborative summer library program, Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales, which has more than 1,400 members aged from 5 to 11 at the Princeton Library.

Libraries across the country have responded to the recall by the Wisconsin-based manufacturer Highsmith Co., which issued an announcement after learning that the toys' exterior paint contained more than four times the safe amount of lead.

As reported by the American Library Association in a "toxic toy alert" on its web site, the company had sent

an August 8 letter to their library customers saying that the toys, which were manufactured in China, passed a test on October 14, 2005 for lead, but that recent testing in Indiana and Wisconsin revealed the unacceptable levels.

—Linda Arntzenius

Group Seeks Nominations For Annual Service Award

The Princeton Area Community Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2006 Vivian Award for Community Service presented to an individual who has demonstrated many years of vision and perseverance for the public good. The committee seeks nominees who have helped to promote change and opportunity in Princeton by identifying a community need, fashioning a plan, drawing others into the process, and persisting until solutions were found.

The award is made possible by the Leslie "Bud" Vivian Memorial Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation.

The award promotes the principles by which Bud Vivian lived and recognizes his contributions to the Princeton community for over 40 years.

Past winners of the Vivian Award for Community Service are: Marcy Crimmins in 1996, former executive director of the Princeton Housing Authority; A.C. Reeves Hicks in 1997, attorney and longtime civic leader; Hank Pannell in 1998, director of maintenance for the Princeton Housing Authority; Jocelyn Helm in 1999, activist for the aging and former director of the Princeton Senior Resource Center; Harriet Bryan and Ted Vial in 2000, longtime advocates for Princeton's affordable housing; Harry Levine in 2001, former Chairman of the Princeton Public Library, Pat Van Ness in 2002, who served the community as a devoted kindergarten teacher in four Princeton elementary schools for 35 years, Claire Jacobus in 2003, who has served the community as a devoted volunteer for over 30 years, William "Bill" Johnson in 2004, principal of the John Witherspoon Middle School for over 25 years and Anne Reeves in 2005, founder and executive director of the Arts Council of Princeton for over 25 years.

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1 cup fresh orange juice

1 tbsps canola or grapeseed oil

1 tsp mild curry powder

Sea salt

3 medium organic heirloom tomatoes (about 1 1/2 pounds), cored and cut into 3/4-inch wedges

2 to 3 ripe Terhune Orchard peaches, cut into 1/4 inch wedges

12 small fresh mint leaves, slivered

Bring orange juice to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until reduced to about 3 tbsps syrup, about 20 minutes, but make sure it doesn't burn. Remove from heat. Whisk in oil, curry powder, and sea salt to taste. Cool to room temperature. This dressing will keep for several days in the fridge. Shake well before using.

Bring all ingredients to room temperature. Arrange tomato and peach wedges on a serving platter. Drizzle dressing over salad and sprinkle with slivered mint.

Try these alternate ingredients: Substitute mangoes for peaches. Sprinkle a bit of minced jalapeno over the salad for a nice contrast to the sweetness. Serve the salad on a bed of crisp organic frisee to add a little crunch.

More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... Provided by Robin Broome, Town Topics

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Tremaine Follows Bahcall's Stellar Path at the Institute

Astrophysicist Scott Tremaine is no stranger to the Institute for Advanced Study. The award-winning scientific researcher who has chaired Princeton University's astrophysical sciences department since 1998 was a three-year member at the Institute — one of the world's leading centers of intellectual inquiry — from 1978 until 1981.

At that time the Institute's theoretical astrophysicists were led by John Bahcall, whose death last year left a void that Professor Tremaine's appointment aims to fill. The late John Norris Bahcall (1934-2005) was legendary as a visionary mentor of generations of young astrophysicists and Prof. Tremaine has been appointed to succeed him as the Richard Black Professor of Astrophysics in the Institute's School of Natural Sciences. He will make the move from Princeton University to the Institute next January.

The Institute, said Prof. Tremaine, offers unparalleled opportunities for the development of his own research as well as the opportunity to help exceptional young astrophysical theorists develop their full potential.

"The Institute pursues two very simple goals at the highest possible level: to support research and to develop young researchers," he said. "Institutions with tightly focused goals such as these can exert an influence far out of proportion to their size."

Prof. Tremaine's research focuses on the dynamics of astrophysical systems on a broad range of scales, from comets to clusters of galaxies. He studies the formation and evolution of planetary systems, comets, black holes, star clusters, galaxies, and galaxy systems.

His contributions to science include the prediction of the Kuiper belt of comets beyond the planet Neptune and investigations of the evolution of the solar system and other planetary systems.



Scott Tremaine

MIT and was subsequently a professor in the departments of physics and astrophysics at the University of Toronto. As the founding Director of the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics from 1985 to 1996, he is credited with establishing a leading international research center.

A Fellow of the Royal Societies of London and of Canada and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, he is the author (with James Binney) of the 1987 textbook *Galactic Dynamics* and has contributed over 150 papers to the *Astrophysical Journal*, *Icarus*, and other journals. In 1997, he received the 1997 Dannie Heineman Prize for Astrophysics.

He is one of a group of scientists who have discovered that almost every galaxy contains a massive black hole at its center, and that the mass of the black hole is strongly correlated with the dynamics of the surrounding galaxy.

"Scott Tremaine is one of the world's leading scientists, distinguished for his contributions to research, for his academic leadership, and for his ability to communicate his subject to all audiences," said Institute Director Peter Goddard.

"He is widely respected for his exceptional intellectual depth and rigor, his sound judgment and his remarkable ability as a mentor."

According to Dr. Goddard, Prof. Tremaine's appointment should "ensure the continuance of the Institute's unsurpassed reputation as a center for astrophysical research and the development of young astrophysicists."

Prof. Tremaine, who was raised in Toronto and received his undergraduate education at McMaster University, earned a doctorate in physics from Princeton University in 1975, and held postdoctoral fellowships at Caltech and Cambridge University. Following membership at the Institute, he joined the faculty of

11 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 11 births to area residents during the week of August 7.

Sons were born to Lori Ann Dauphiny and Edward Hewitt, Princeton, July 27; Vanesa and Craig Simon, Princeton, July 27; Corinna Maier and Sladjana Matic, Princeton, July 27; Bo Feng and Zhigang Yu, Pennington, July 28; Amanda and Scott LaRaus, Pennington, July 28; Padma Koneru and Omkaram Palothu, Princeton, July 29; and Balla and Ethan Webb, Princeton, August 2.

Daughters were born to Ning Lei and Zheng Zheng, Princeton, July 28; Jia Baek and Suho Chon, West Windsor, July 28; Beth and James Mitchell, Princeton, July 31; and Silvia and Jose Castillo, Princeton, August 2.

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Work on Carnahan Place, Guyot Avenue
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To the Editor:

Princeton Township has just completed the reconstruction of Carnahan Place and the part of Guyot Avenue between Carnahan Place and Witherspoon Street at a cost to Township taxpayers of approximately \$655,000. The new roadbed, Belgian block curbing, and new sidewalks are cosmetic; there were no traffic, vehicular, or pedestrian problems calling for this solution at this time. Probably 95 percent of Princeton Township residents do not know where Carnahan Place is located. The new sidewalk on the west side of Carnahan Place connects the north side of Henry Avenue, where there is no sidewalk, to the south side of Guyot Avenue, where there is also no sidewalk. There are certainly more pressing needs for the use of \$655,000 of taxpayers' money.

The Township now proposes to reconstruct Ewing Street between Valley Road and the Princeton Borough line. This road, which gets minimal traffic, is in fairly good condition. It is in better shape than Valley Road, which was partially reconstructed in 1991. There are several nearby streets which require reconstruction such as Witherspoon Street between the Princeton Borough line and Valley Road, and Ewing Street between Valley Road and Harrison Street North. Those streets and others should be rehabilitated before any work is done on Ewing Street south of Valley Road.

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Why Ask For a Social Security Number?
Homeland Security or Something Else?

To the Editor:

I'm an old newspaper reporter whose nose for news got twitching this morning when after asking me some perfectly reasonable questions, a service representative of our town's water supplier (formerly as Elizabethtown Water Company, now New Jersey American Water and now based in Florida) asked for my social security number. Needless to say, I did not give it to her. In this day and age of ID theft (one of my daughters was a victim a few years ago), no one in their right mind would give out their social security number, especially to someone who had just gathered all the other personal information this woman demanded of me over the phone.

But why, I asked myself, did the water company want my social security number in the first place? And why now? I had never given it to them before, even 16 years ago when I bought my house in Princeton. No luck getting any answers from the woman on the phone. "I don't know, sir, I'm just doing my job," was her response.

Do you suppose this is a Homeland Security requirement, something authorized (or not) under the Patriot Act? After all, everyone must have water, and attaching a social security number to absolutely everyone's account number, home address, and telephone number would be an excellent way for the federal government to track citizens' movements around the country.

Am I being paranoid? I think not. Remember, our brand spanking new, multi-million dollar, wired-to-the-world public library must serve up our reading lists if demanded by federal authorities. So why not have the water company cooperate with the federal government's domestic surveillance program too?

Or is Elizabethtown Water-American Water just collecting social security numbers for their own commercial purposes or, worse, to sell along with the rest of the demographic data collected from customers to other commercial entities?

Whatever the answers to these questions, it seems that at the very least, Elizabethtown Water-American Water should explain why they are collecting social security numbers and what they are doing with them. And if they say, "It's for identification purposes," then my response would be what more ID information do they need than my account number, account name, home address and telephone number?

ASHLEY W. WRIGHT
Park Place,A Reader Expresses Doubts About
The University's Plans for the Dinky

To the Editor:

The University's plan to move the Dinky farther away from the center of Princeton is not a good plan for public transportation. If anything, it should be moved closer to town. The location of the Dinky station at the bottom of University Place is already inconvenient for most of the passengers, being half a mile from the center of town. Moving it farther away will discourage pedestrians, increase road traffic and the demand for parking spaces.

The Borough and New Jersey Transit should be looking for the best public transportation options. If the Dinky station has to move, would it be better to replace it with a shuttle bus that runs from Princeton Junction to Palmer Square, with a stop at the University Place parking lot?

I hope you will consider other alternatives.

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The first exhibit of the school year at The Gallery at Chapin will be the watercolors of the Robbinsville artist, Deborah Paglione. Entitled "Memories," her show will run from August 29 through September 28. The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, September 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

An active local artist, Ms. Paglione has exhibited her work in numerous juried shows over the past ten years and has mounted numerous solo exhibitions in the Princeton area. She won the 2005 M. Graham Award from the Garden State Watercolor Society and her paintings of Drumthwacket and Morven were published in *The Encyclopedia of New Jersey*.

Of "Memories," Ms. Paglione said, "We all have them. Places we love and treasure. Good times at the Jersey shore, excitement in Princeton, New Hope, and New York, the fascination, romance and beauty of Europe. My watercolor paintings are about feelings and the mood of the moment. I feel lucky to be an artist."

In addition to the reception, "Memories" can be viewed by appointment during school hours by calling (609) 924-7206. The Gallery at Chapin is located at 4101 Princeton Pike.

Waldorf School to Host Maria Melero Exhibit

New York City artist Maria Melero will be showing her still-life paintings of rocks during the month of September at



"ROCKS ARE ETERNAL": This still-life of rocks painted by Maria Melero will be among the works on view during the month of September at the Waldorf School of Princeton. The show is called "Rocks are Eternal" and will be shown by appointment. An artist's talk and opening will be held on Tuesday evening, September 12, at 7 p.m.

"CAROUSEL": Deborah Paglione's watercolor will be on view at The Gallery at Chapin from August 29 through September 28 as part of her exhibit, "Memories." The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, September 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.



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Maria Melero has painted her entire adult life, having immigrated in her teens from Spain through Dominican Republic to New York City. At 18 years of age she began painting at the Art Students League and is still painting 50 years later.

Ms. Melero, who collects the rocks she paints, said that after she completes the "portraits" of the rocks, they each develop their own persona.

The work will be shown by appointment during September. An artist's talk and opening will be held on Tuesday evening, September 12, at 7 p.m. For an appointment to view the work or for information about the artist's evening, call Pamela Shafer at (609) 466-1970, ext 64.



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A.R.T.space Gallery's summer exhibition, "Hot Hot Hot," featuring works from recent shows, will run from now through early September at the gallery at 53 Hul- fish Street in Princeton.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPO- RARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting "Explorations," a painting and ceramic exhibition featuring works by local artists Paul Mordetsky and Susan Stras- berg. The exhibit will run from August 24 through Oc- tober 14.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, is presenting its annual summer exhibition featuring artists associated with the gallery over the years. It is set to run through September 24.

The Gallery at Chapin will be presenting "Memories," an exhibition of the watercolors of Deborah Paglione, from August 29 through September 28. The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, September 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street in Trenton is celebrating its second anniversary with an exhibit that will run through September 1.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting an exhibit featuring Jim Hilgendorf and Kathleen Connally that will continue through August 27. There will be a closing reception on August 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting an exhibit of kinetic sculpture by George Rickey in the museum building that will run through September 24. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsfor-sculpture.org.

The Harrison Street Gallery in Frenchtown is hosting an exhibit featuring Will Hübscher through August 27.

The Historical Society of Princeton at Bainbridge House is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through the summer. Both exhibits will close to the public after Sunday, September 3. A display of photographs chronicling the development of transportation in Princeton is now on view in the front hallway. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

Howard Gallery of Fine Art in New Hope, Pa. will be hosting a series of "Meet the Artist" receptions every Saturday evening through August 26. The receptions are open to art lovers and

collectors alike and will take place from 6 until 10 p.m. or later.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Show Business: Irving Berlin's Hollywood" through September 3. "Todd Stone: Witness," an exhibition featuring watercolors made by artist/photographer Todd Stone, who witnessed the September 11 attack from his studio window, will run through November 5. "Diane Burko: Flow," featuring 25 of Ms. Burko's works, including paintings and photographs, will run through October 15. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

"Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross" will be on view in the Della Penna Gallery at the Michener's

New Hope museum at 500 Union Square Drive through October 1.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is presenting Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerli.museum.rutgers.edu.

Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery is hosting a new exhibition, "Interactions and Endeavors: Recent Works on Paper," featuring the work of New Jersey artist Nancy Cohen. The exhibit will run from now through August 28.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will

run through November 26.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery in Lambertville is currently presenting "Vislons and Views," an exhibit featuring works by Bucks County artists Natalie Witoshkin and Lucille Adler. The exhibit will run through August 31.

Pennswood Village Art Gallery is hosting "Of Ink, Paper and Rusted Wire: Expressions Over Time," an exhibit of the work of Princeton artist Margaret Kennard Johnson. The show will continue through Monday, October 9.

The Plainsboro Public Library is presenting "Totally Trenton, A Modern Look Back," a photography exhibit by Guy Ciarcia, through August 31.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is hosting an exhibit by the Princeton Photography Club that will run through September 13.

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BOOK REVIEW

Across Afghanistan: Discovering the Heart of the Country

The big news this month is that President Bush has Albert Camus on his reading list. I wish someone had given him a copy of Rory Stewart's book about a walk across Afghanistan, *The Places In Between* (Harcourt/Harvest \$14), which is currently enjoying a run on the New York Times paperback best-seller list. Even more, I wish someone as knowledgeable and courageous as Mr. Stewart had walked across Iraq and written about it in time to have presented a copy to Mr. Bush and his advisors in, say, the summer of 2002. Assuming that they comprehended the data and absorbed the message about the complexity of the task that lay ahead, who knows where we'd be today? Dream on, right?

Or imagine that Bush, Cheney, and Rumsfeld had served in the Peace Corps in Iraq or Afghanistan, or simply hitchhiked through it as I did back in the days before the Taliban, Saddam, the Gulf War, and 9/11. I know, it probably wouldn't have made much of a difference, because unless you dare to penetrate as deeply and dangerously into the country as Rory Stewart did, all you are likely to come away with, at best, is a superficial but at least more sympathetic understanding of the place.

A Surprise Mural

One of the great things about taking to the road in a strange land is not being able to control the experience. When I set out for India, I didn't expect to end up helping to paint a mural in the cafe area of a Kabul hotel while a roomful of Afghani men were drinking tea and gawking at us. Needless to say, I learned no more about Afghanistan in those few days than I did about the art of mural painting. Years later when I tried to describe the men watching us paint, I had to improvise, calling them Pathan warlords, gypsies, and tribesmen from the north because I hadn't a clue as to who they were or where they came from. In Rory Stewart's book, here they are, or, rather, here are the men who came after them and who either helped, informed, or menaced him on his way across the country. Here, too, like a searchlight on my ignorance, is an in-depth picture of the land that was no more comprehensible to me than a piece of exotic music. I could hear it but I had no idea where it was coming from.

Crazy Like a Fox

"Someone in Kabul told me that a crazy Scotsman had walked from Herat to Kabul right after the fall of the Taliban," says Michael Ignatieff in his back cover blurb for Stewart's book. The Scotsman who accomplished that walk was far from crazy. If he had been any less rational and resourceful every step of the way, he'd have never survived.

You know as soon as you start reading *The Places In Between* that Stewart's intentions are perfectly sensible. He will be straightforward and informative. No showing off, no flexing of his stylistic muscles, no resorting to warmed-over Graham Greene mannerisms like those employed by Paul Theroux in his various peevish railway entertainments. Stewart is well-prepared, having already taken similar treks in Nepal and Iran. He knows that his awareness of Muslim decorum and his knowledge of various languages and dialects will aid him on his trek. He has certain expectations. He is a serious, studious man who hopes to emerge from the

experience with the makings of a multi-dimensional portrait of the country. He carries a notebook in which he will make sketches (another sort of portraiture, reproduced in the text) and jot down observations and material gleaned from interviews with the people he'll meet along the way, like the tribal elders to whom he knows he will have to apply for shelter and information.

Based on my sense of the author as outlined above, I didn't expect to be surprised by his book. My idea of a good read is one that not only exceeds but plays fast and loose with your expectations. In a way, this is what befalls the author himself in *The Places In Between*. Stewart knows better than to imagine he will be able to control what happens to him when he sets out. Yet before he takes the first step, his expectations are thwarted by the Security Service in Herat. Instead of being allowed to proceed on his own, he has to endure a three-man escort mandated by Foreign Ministry authorities who tell him, "You will die, I can guarantee. Do you want to die?"

Being saddled with that escort proves beneficial. Not only does it create narrative tension by immediately bringing in a formidable adversary to his will, the forced escort also provides him with excellent human material for the first third of his book in the form of three suggestively different individuals. He has no choice but to try to know them and describe them, in on the far right.

spite of not having much liking for them. It's as if another writer had taken a hand in his narrative and given him these characters to deal with as best he can. Abdul Haq, the one man he does like, or at least wants to like, is the most secular, the wildest, the most interesting, and comes to life more vividly than any of the other people he meets along the way. Both as an author after the fact and as a companion at the time, Stewart has to make a real effort to relate to Abdul Haq: "I found my fondness for him difficult to reconcile with what I knew of his enthusiasm for killing people and making small children cry."

A Great Character

Stewart's three-man escort heads back to Herat a sixth of the way through the journey, allowing him to realize his original intention to accomplish the walk alone. Once he's waved goodbye to Abdul Haq, his other meetings are as episodic and superficial as you would expect in such an account. But then, lo and behold, a few pages later a great character appears in the most unlikely form imaginable. If this were a novel, it would be equal to discovering the heart and soul of your creation — a discovery you had absolutely no conception of when you began. Never mind that the "character" happens to be a dog. He's a big dog, "the size of a small pony." You could say

Babur is not a sidekick or comic relief. He's Afghanistan and Islam all in one. It's as if the author had prayed for a creature to perfectly, sympathetically embody the gulf between him and them, western civilization and the Arab world.

At first Stewart doesn't want the dog. He doesn't comprehend the great gift to his narration the villagers have offered him. What is he, this dog? A dog of war, a fighting dog. What is his function in the village? To kill wolves. When Stewart gently, carefully touches the big animal's head, a young boy asks him, "Why did you touch the dog?" Stewart replies that he likes dogs and asks, somewhat incredulously, "Does no one ever touch him?" The boy answers, "Of course not. He's an unclean animal. Our Prophet tells us not to touch dogs."

It sinks in nicely: "I wondered how it felt," Stewart writes, "never to have been stroked."

Until this moment I had not been fully engaged by the book. With that one sentence, Stewart took me in, and I'm not one to sympathize with dogs, especially not dogs of war.

"He looked over his shoulder and saw me," Stewart continues. "The stump of his tail moved slightly and he took a slow step toward me. I decided to take him back with me to Scotland."

Just like that. It's a beautiful moment, and it's also crazy. A few minutes before, Stewart had been reluctant to let the dog accompany him on the rest of his journey (still not even halfway accomplished). Now he wants to take him to Scotland. But if that's crazy, then so are you because most readers will want him to do just that.

Stewart's love for Babur grows in the course of the hardships they endure together, but since he's writing after the fact, his love informs the care with which he lets the animal live and move for us. The result is that he succeeds in bringing to life a dog worthy of the company of those in Tolstoy and Jack London.

There is actually more than one Babur in *The Places In Between*. Again, it's seemingly the will of the journey itself that brings them together. All Stewart has to do is connect the two, which he does when he gives the dog the name of another companion he was reluctant at first to take with him, for he's following in the footsteps of Babur, the first Emperor of Mughal India, who, it nicely happens, also recorded the journey in a diary, passages from which are quoted at appropriate points along the way. "I wasn't keen to read Babur's diary," Stewart writes early on. He tells us he doesn't like medieval texts, "with their references to faded theologies and forgotten viziers." Nevertheless, Babur's diary from half a millennium ago is by his side all the way, a subplot neatly resolved with a visit to the emperor's tomb outside Kabul. Meanwhile Babur the dog has established a happy residence in a house formerly occupied by Osama bin Laden's third wife.

There are many other wisely and sensitively handled sequences in *The Places In Between*, especially those involving risk and menace narrowly escaped, not to mention a wealth of first-hand information about this amazingly complex country, but I have chosen to focus on what turned the book around for me. Blame the dog.

—Stuart Mitchner

RORY STEWART
Author of *The Prince of the Marshes*

THE PLACES IN BETWEEN

"[Stewart's] encounters with Afghans are tragic, touching, and terrifying. They all have the ring of unembellished authenticity. A mature debut, and an intelligent and illuminating introduction to this fascinating, unfortunate country." —THE DAILY TELEGRAPH (London)



THE AUTHOR AND HIS ESCORT: Rory Stewart this Scottish Don Quixote has found by the Security Service in Herat. Abdul Haq is except that Stewart (Photo by Rick Loomis) is perfectly sane and



THE KABUL MURAL: Painted for room and board (and beer and nuts) at the Benazir Hotel in Kabul, this hastily done, somewhat drunken mural's theme was to be a conflict between the dragon and the eagle, east vs. west, but the real conflict was between the clientele and the mural, which was eventually painted over because it spoiled the patrons' appetites. Most of the work was done by two American artists, who prefer to remain nameless.

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Marvin Cheiten's New Play Lampoons Princeton Upper Crust; "Miss Connections" Taps Conventions of the "Well Made" Play

Miss Connections, a new comedy by Marvin Cheiten, debuted last weekend with just five performances at the Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. The local resonances were rich indeed—with a Princeton playwright, a contemporary Princeton setting, abundant town and campus references and distinctively Princeton issues on the agenda.

Mr. Cheiten, Princeton resident, local businessman, and a Princeton University alumnus, was also the producer of this live-character satire, enlisting his longtime collaborator Dan Berkowitz, now based in Hollywood, as his director and assembling a capable, mostly-professional cast and production team.

Miss Connections is the story of a seemingly mismatched husband and wife, and their teen-aged daughter who is caught in the middle and is eager to provide an acerbic, witty perspective on her parents' foibles.

Tom Brown, the lather (Joe Whelski), left home eight years ago. Fed up with the hypocrisies and artificiality of Princeton society and his wife's upper crust, tradition-bound family, he wanted "to see how real people live and suffer." His wife Lily (Alexandria Tobia), thinking her husband permanently gone, has just become engaged to Rex Worthy (Scott Van Tuyl), a smooth, arrogant, impeccably dressed linancier of mysterious origins. Sixteen-year-old Thalia (Joanne Nosuchinsky) misses her lather, detests Rex ("Mr. Wormy" as she calls him), and loves her mother, whom, in classic teen-ager fashion, she barely tolerates, and unsparingly mocks.

Mid-way through the first of four scenes, spread over two acts, Tom — tattered jeans, dirty old knapsack and overall scruffiness clashing with the well appointed surroundings of Lily's living room—suddenly returns from his eight-year sojourn in Africa, hoping to reclaim his wife and daughter.

In the course of the ensuing conflicts—between Tom and his abandoned daughter, between Tom and his angry wife, between Tom (soon in alliance with Thalia) and his pretentious rival—the play confronts dilemmas of upper class life in Princeton: Is this the real world or an escape from the true suffering of the world? Is the husband who left to work in Darfur morally superior to his wife who stayed and worked for philanthropic causes closer to home? Do the required facades and behaviors of suburban high society undermine meaningful human values? Is Princeton's liberalism and philanthropy merely a convenient sop to the conscience, a thin veneer that quickly gives way to a harsher self-protect-

tive and self-serving conservatism when personal conflicts arise? Though Miss Connections does raise these important questions, the light tone and lack of depth here neither sustain depth of social commentary nor encourage extensive exploration of these issues.

The Brown's neighbor Letitia Thimble-

moves swiftly. Much of the dialogue is clever and witty. There are rich dramatic moments, ripe with conflict. The satiric attacks are on target, gentle, and humorous rather than trenchant and lacerating. The farcical elements of the play, however, at times do clash with the play's more serious objectives. Is this TV sit-com or Ibsen? It

believable character. Ms. Nosuchinsky, who will be attending Rider University in the fall on a four-year acting scholarship, embodies this figure with charm and conviction—cell phone glued to her ear; the expressively dismissive posture and attitude towards the adults; the rolling eyes and impatiently wiggling toes as she dutifully listens to the obligatory lectures from her mother; and the lively smartness and energy as she cleverly helps bring resolution to the conflicts of the play.

Her more experienced colleagues are not always as successful in rendering credible characterizations. Mr. Whelski's lather is highly sympathetic and usually engaging in his interactions with wife, daughter, and rival. The character's idealism and moral crusading, however, do not always ring true. Ms. Tobia's portrayal of the Princeton socialite mother caught in the middle between two men and their conflicting values and life styles, is lively and intelligent, but sometimes less than plausible in its shifts of emotion and tone. Mr. Van Tuyl's Rex Worthy and Ms. Stoy's Letitia Thimbleweight are both one-dimensional figures, but vivid, dramatic, and artfully created.

The professional design—elegant living room set by Matthew R Campbell, realistic lighting by Christopher Gorzelnik, and on-target, character-enhancing costumes by Marle Miller—serve the production and the actors admirably, helping to establish believably the world of Princeton suburban affluence.

Mr. Cheiten, who received his Ph.D. in French Literature from Princeton, has learned many playwriting lessons from his French forbears—the unities of time, place, and action, so rigorously championed by French playwrights of the 17th century, and the principles of the "well-made" plays of Eugene Scribe from the first half of the 19th century.

Miss Connections is clearly and carefully structured, with first scene exposition flowing smoothly into rising action based on cause and effect, building to a climax. Bits of information are withheld until the appropriate dramatic moments. The end of each scene is likely crafted to maximize dramatic effect. The final, rather contrived, denouement leaves nothing unresolved. The results are clear, aesthetically ordered, and pleasing. What future audiences or readers may miss here, and is also often lacking in neoclassical French drama and the well-made play, is a certain depth of realistic characterization and exploration into issues and complexities of the human condition.

—Donald Gilpin

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Ms. Nosuchinsky's Thalia (aptly named after the Greek muse of comedy) is both a superb device as the audience's lens on the action; a counterpoint to the lollies of the adults and the excesses of her society; and also as a skillfully created, thoroughly

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The State Theatre, marking its 85th year in New Brunswick and its 19th year as a not-for-profit performing arts center, has announced that its new season will feature more than 50 attractions, including four symphony orchestras, seven Broadway musicals, three operas, six dance companies, and a family series. In February, the theater will also present its first winter festival, Hub City Carnivale, a three-week celebration with performances and activities focusing on family fun and the creation and enjoyment of art.

Wesley O. Brustad, the theater's president and CEO, said the 2006-07 season is notable for several reasons. "First," he explained, "our classical series is very strong in both orchestra and opera. Friday, September 29, is the premier performance here by the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Lorin Maazel, followed by the Moscow State Symphony Orchestra on November 16, Filarmonia Arturo Toscanini on January 14, and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, with Joshua Bell as conductor and soloist, in March.

"As for opera," Mr. Brustad continued, "our first production is Verdi's *Aida* by the Bulgarian State Opera on January 28. It will be followed by a semi-staged production of Puccini's *Turandot* by the New Jersey Opera Theater in March, and a first-time appearance here by New York's Tri-Cities Opera, per-

Other shows scheduled in the upcoming season include: *Tower Of Power* and the *Average White Band*, October 6; *Mombasa Party* featuring The Royal Drummers of Burundi, October 8; *The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion*, October 13; *the Pilobolus Dance Theatre*, October 14; *The Dave Brubeck Quartet*, October 20; and *Olivia Newton-John*, October 28 and 29.

The Pink Floyd Experience will perform November 4, followed by *Wonderful Town*, November 10, and *The Laurie Berkner Band*, November 11. Other November attractions will be *The Aquila Theatre Company's presentation of Romeo and Juliet* on November 12, and the *Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet* on November 17.

December shows will include *Betty Buckley's Christmas Show* on December 2 and *Pat Boone's Christmas* on December 3, *Cots* on December 8 and 9, *American Repertory Ballet's Nutcracker* on December 16 and 17, *Eileen Ivers' An Irish Christmas* on December 21, and *Salute To Vienna: World's Greatest New Year's Concert* on December 31.

Highlights of the new year will be *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida* on January 19 and 20, *Garrison Keillor* on February 8, *Showtime at the Apollo* on February 10, *Bobby Vinton* on February 14, *Cirque Eloize* on February 23 and 24, the *Martha Graham Dance Company* on March 10, *The Chieftains* on March 15, *Budapest Festival Dance Ensemble* on March 22, *Ham-*



BEST FRIENDS: Justin Daniels, played by Maxwell Glick, and Amber Brown, played by Lauren Stanford, are the best of friends in the children's musical "Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon," coming to MCCC's Kelsey Theatre September 23. The show is a production of ArtsPower National Touring Theatre, one of the nation's largest non-profit professional children's theater companies. For tickets, call (609) 570-3333.

let on March 23 and 24, and David Sedaris on March 30.

"Amber Brown" to Kick Off Children's Theater Season

The theater's season will conclude with *Richard Nader's Magic Moments To Remember Concert* on April 13, *Moscow Festival Ballet* on April 14, *Man of La Mancha* on April 20 and 21, the *Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats* on April 22, *H.M.S. Pinafore* on April 27, *The Canterbury Tales* on April 29, *Jesus Christ Superstar* on May 5, and the operatic *Romeo and Juliet* on May 12.

For tickets, call (732) 246-7469 or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org. Subscription and group discounts apply to most events.

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Tickets are \$8 for children and seniors, \$10 for adults, and may be purchased online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333.

Discounted series packages for Kelsey's 2006-07 season are also available. For a complete listing of the theater's adult and children's events, visit the Kelsey website or call the box office for a brochure.

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DARK SIDE OF THE RAINBOW: Returning to the Princeton Public Library by popular demand is the coupling of the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz* and the 1973 Pink Floyd concept album *Dark Side of the Moon*. The conjunction apparently results in moments where the film and album correspond felicitously with each other. The apparent synchronicity has spawned much dialog on the web, not least of which is that between the album cover's prismatic splitting of white light and the film's dramatic switch to full color. Pink Floyd guitarist/vocalist David Gilmour, in an interview at the time of the album's 25th anniversary, denied any original intention to synchronize the music with the film. "Some guy with too much time on his hands had this idea," he said. The effect is usually created by pausing a CD of the album at the very beginning, and starting it at the moment when the black and white MGM lion roars for the third time.

"I have the *Wizard of Oz* imprinted in my brain from watching it countless times as a child and yet I noticed things in the film that I hadn't noticed before," said librarian Susan Conlon. "Seeing it without the usual sound track shifts the focus and makes it a whole new experience." If you want to try creating the effect at home, according to those who know these things, avoid using the 1993 20th anniversary re-issue which has runtimes that differ from the original. See for yourself. The free event takes place Friday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room on the Library's first floor. For more information, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princeton.library.org.

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BACK FROM NATIONAL TOUR: Penny Larsen, fresh from the national tour of "The Full Monty" as Jeanette Burmeister, will reprise the role for the Bucks County Playhouse production beginning tonight and running through Sunday, September 17. For tickets, call (215) 862-2041.

(Photo by Carol Rosegg)

Bucks County Playhouse Opening "The Full Monty"

The popular comedy *The Full Monty* will begin a four-week run tonight at the Bucks County Playhouse. The show will continue through Sunday, September 17.

Based on the 1997 hit movie, *The Full Monty* centers on a group of unemployed steel-workers in Buffalo, New York. Seeing how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers, they decide to come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process they conquer personal fears and find renewed self-esteem while dis-

covering the importance of seen by Playhouse audiences friendship and the ability to have fun.

With book by Terrence McNally and music and lyrics by David Yazbek, *The Full Monty* features memorable melodies and lyrics. The New York Times' critic Ben Brantley called the show "that rare crowd-pleaser that you don't have to apologize for liking." Jeanette Burmeister is Penny, Even those who go expecting to sneer are likely to be surprised by the smiles that keep sneaking onto their faces."

The cast includes many faces familiar to Playhouse audiences. In the role of Harold Nichols is Jim Lynch, Oklahomo!

at Mercer County Community College. The 10-week program is offered on Saturday mornings through November 18 in collaboration with Youth Stages. There will be no class September 23.

Classes are held on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

A "sharing" with family and friends will take place during the November 18 class.

PLAYtime, for children from kindergarten through second grade, will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. These workshops give younger children an opportunity to explore movement, language, and pantomime with the goal of developing expression and self-confidence.

"PLAYing Around With Theatre," for third through fifth graders, will be held from 10:45 a.m. to noon. The class encourages students to assume other characters and to work cooperatively to create improvisational scenes.

New this year will be the "Playshops Master Class," a two-semester acting class that begins September 16 and runs for 21 sessions through March 10. The class, to be held from 10:45 a.m. to noon, is designed for fourth to sixth grade students who have attended at least two semesters of Playshops. Beginning with a story or theme, the group will devise, script, rehearse, and present an original play in a final performance in March.

Kelsey Kids Playshops are presented under the supervision of Jean Prall Rosolino, a specialist in youth theater who is on the New Jersey State Council on the Arts roster of professional theater artists. She founded Youth Stages in 1996 and serves as an artist representative for arts educators.

Class sizes are limited. The cost for the fall Playshop sessions is \$175; for the Master Class, \$350.

Early registration is recommended. For registration information, call (609) 570-3566 or visit the Kelsey Kids Playshops webpage at www.kelseytheatre.net.



WELL AND TRULY TESTED: Feste, played by Marty Kelser, has the much maligned Malvolio, played by Donald Kimmel, blindfolded and shackled to a lobster pot in Princeton Repertory Company's new production of William Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night, Or What You Will," this summer's Shakespeare Festival play now being performed through August 27 at the Petrarcello Gardens amphitheater at Community Park North. The play, which is directed by Vicki Liberator (the subject of this week's All In a Day's Work on page 9), is set in Maine in the 1960s. Tickets (free, but a donation of \$10 is suggested) are available at the event or from the box office at 53 Huffish Street (A.R.T. Space), Palmer Square North, Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from noon to 7 p.m. Performances are Thursday through Sunday at 8 p.m.

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Walt Michael, recognized internationally as one of the world's foremost hammered-dulcimer players, will present an evening of his music at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, September 15 at Christ Congregation Church. His performance is the initial offering in this season's concert series sponsored by the Princeton Folk Music Society.

Mr. Michael's repertoire ranges from old-time Southern Appalachian to Celtic and includes original compositions. He was a founding member of the "newgrass" group Bottle Hill. He also formed the groups Michael, McCreesh & Campbell and Walt Michael & Co. His original compositions include Snowblind, which was commissioned for the 13th Winter Olympic Games, and Berniudaful.

Mr. Michael has recorded 14 albums and instructional videos; appeared at the White House, Lincoln Center, and Kennedy Center; and toured extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and the UK. His music has been heard on Broadway, ABC-TV, NBC's *Tonight Show*, BBC, TNN, CBC, and PBS. He was the musical producer, composer, and musician for the Outdoor Living Network's 13-episode documentary series, *Cowboy*

MUSIC REVIEW

Open Air Theatre Unfortunately Closes Season On a Weak Note

The Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park is fighting some heavy battles this summer. In addition to an overabundance of rain which washed out a number of shows, the Theatre is struggling with the Division of Parks over space rental, which, if raised to the amount recommended by the state, would preclude a number of the local theater companies from performing there. This summer the Open Air Theatre needed to demonstrate high audience figures to justify their existence to the Division of Parks. Mother Nature did not help in that regard; there were a number of rain-outs this summer, but it also was an unfortunate season for the Theatre to close its performance year with two relatively unknown shows. Last week's *My Way Sinatra* revue was reasonably well attended, perhaps because of familiarity with the Sinatra tunes. However, the final presentation of the Theatre, *Radio Gals*, is so far off the beaten track that it may have done more harm than good to the Open Air Theatre's cause.

Radio Gals, created in the mid-1990s by Mark Craver and Mark Hardwick, is a small ensemble cast production set in the 1920s in a living room/radio studio in rural Arkansas. There is a very skimpy plot; the show seems to be primarily a vehicle on which to hang period songs and dances. The timeframe covers a one-day period during which Hazel Hunt broadcasts (somewhat illegally) a continuous radio show with whatever and whoever walks in the door. This show has primarily made the rounds in regional theater; its off-Broadway run in 1999 was very short-lived. The cast is almost exclusively female, and with a weak structure to the play itself, it is up to the cast to generate most of the energy. In Thursday's opening night production by Hedgerow Theatre, some of the cast members were indeed capable of moving the show along despite its weaknesses.

Opening night at the Open Air Theatre is often a chance to finalize technical details, and when Hazel Hunt, played by Susan Wefel, came onstage, it was apparent that some microphone issues needed to be refined. Ms. Wefel, like her castmates, fed almost constant energy into her role. She

was quickly joined by her "Hazelnuts," five women who banded together as a pick-up "radio orchestra," and for this production were led by Music Director Helen Clark (playing the role of Miss Azilee Swindle) and drummer Daniel Frost as the cousin Dorcus. One item missed in Hedgerow's production was the fact that Ms. Swindle, hiding from the law with her "sister" Mabel Swindle, were conceived, as in *Some Like it Hot*, as two performers in drag. Although that detail was absent from this production, Ms. Clark and Pam Monaco, (Mabel Swindle) displayed an incredible amount of musical talent between them, including accompanying all of the numbers on the piano and bringing out instruments ranging from a mandolin to a clarinet for musical back-up.

This show also found its musical strength in the ensemble numbers. With an all-female cast, there were numerous opportunities for Andrews Sister-type harmonies, and the tuning of the women was by and large pretty solid. The arrival of Gladys Fritts (Micki Sharpe, by far the strongest performer in the cast) added a very reliable alto to the mix, as she played a character who is part Carol Channing and part Carol Burnett. Two of the more energetic performers were Marilien Mogendorff (Renabelle) and Gabrielle Enriquez (America) both of whom sang with a lot of spirit and easy reach to the higher registers. Newton Buchanan as a pre-FCC investigator demonstrated a good tenor voice and interaction with the rest of the cast.

The cast must be given a lot of credit for keeping the energy in the show going, since little could come from the songs or plot. Hedgerow Theatre presented this show earlier in the spring at its home base in Media, Pennsylvania to mixed reviews. Hedgerow has a solid reputation and a number of theater awards, and can probably afford to have a weak show every now and again. The Open Air Theatre, however, with its current battle to maintain its existence in the park, might have done better to close with a more familiar show and bolster their audiences going into next year.

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101, which premiered in October 2004.

He is the artist-in-residence at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., as well as founder and executive director of Common Ground on the Hill, an international arts organization which seeks to promote interracial and cultural harmony through traditional arts.

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bers of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, and \$3 for children 11 and under. Special rates are available for students. There are no advance sales. For more information about Folk Music Society events, call (609) 799-0944 or visit www.princetonfolk.org.

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Seven Concerts Planned By Princeton Symphony

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra has announced that its 2006-07 season will include five Classical Series and two Pops concerts. All of the concerts will be at Richardson Auditorium.

The Classical Series concerts, all at 4 p.m., will begin October 22 with a program featuring pianist Vladimir Ovchinnikov performing Brahms' Symphony No. 4 and music by Strauss and Dohnányi. It will be followed on November 12 by a concert featuring the Mysterious Mountain Symphony by Hovhaness, *La Mer* by Debussy, and *La Voile* and *Bolero* by Ravel.

Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* and Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, *The Pastoral*, will be on the January 21 program, which will feature guest violinist Basia Danilow. Pianist Marlam Nazarum will perform at the March 11 concert, which will include Walton's Symphony No. 1 and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 22. The Series will conclude April 15 with cellist Jeffrey Solow in a program including Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1.

The concert will benefit the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK). "For all the blessings I have received, this is one way to give something back," said Ms. Waite, who often volunteers at TASK. "The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen makes a real difference in the everyday lives of people."

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Each of the Classical Series concerts will be preceded by a lecture at 3 p.m.

The two PSO Pops concerts will be the *Holiday Concert* on Saturday, December 16 at 4 p.m., and PSO Pops *Plays Broadway*, featuring the Music of Oscar Hammerstein, on Saturday, February 3 at 8 p.m.

Unitarian Church to Host Benefit Concert for TASK

Mezzo-soprano Joan Waite, accompanied by pianist Peter Lauffer, will perform a benefit recital titled *Spirituols and Songs of Love: Mozart to Stevie Wonder* on Sunday, October 22 at The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. In Channing Hall.

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Mozart, Schumann, and de Falla; Broadway show tunes by Gershwin and Rodgers; and modern soul compositions by Sandy Linzer and Stevie Wonder.

Fathers in Tenafly. In her musical life, she has sung with the Collegiate Chorale founded by the late Robert Shaw and the Westminster Jubilee Singers of Rider University. Now a South Brunswick resident, she has given concerts in Princeton, Trenton, and Manhattan. Her first CD is entitled *Art Songs and Spirituols*.

Mr. Lauffer, a native of the Trenton-Princeton area and graduate of the Lawrenceville School and Indiana University, has been teaching piano, performing, and directing choirs for more than 25 years. He has held positions at the Peddie School, The College of New Jersey, Hopewell Valley Community Chorus, Mercer County Community College, and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton. He regularly appears throughout the tri-state area in various jazz venues while teaching at Westminster Conservatory and maintaining a private piano studio.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the recital.

Tickets at \$20 will be sold on the day of the performance.

The Princeton Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 50 Cherry Hill Road.



Joan Waite

Originally from Toronto, Ms. Waite has combined arts and education throughout her career. She taught at Sarah Lawrence College as an associate professor of African Arts, co-founded and directed the African American Educational Center of Northern New Jersey, and served as educational director of the African Art Museum of the SMA Road.



SINGER-SONGWRITER HERE: Luke Elliot, a featured performer at the Arts Council of Princeton's ground-breaking for the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts last year, will return for a concert at the Arts Council's conTEMPORARY Arts Center on Saturday, September 9 at 8 p.m. The singer-songwriter, who has performed in various New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia venues, weaves the sounds of Appalachian folk, blues, jazz, and country into his songs, which are said to echo Bob Dylan's tone and scope. Following Mr. Elliot's concert, musicians in the audience with acoustic instruments will be invited to participate in a jam session with the band Back Porch Swing. The conTEMPORARY Arts Center is located in the Princeton Shopping Center. Admission for the event will be \$6, or \$5 for Arts Council members.



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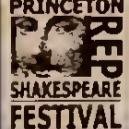
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CINEMA REVIEW

Snakes on a Plane

Campy Film Lots of Fun Even With Cliché Ridden Script

Benefiting from the best pre-release hype since *The Blair Witch Project*, the internet has been abuzz about this picture almost since the day the project was greenlighted by New Line. In fact, the blogosphere actually influenced director David Ellis to do five days of reshoots in order to add R-rated scenes because his fans had come to expect them due to the popularity of a parody on the internet.

This electronic buzz was probably unnecessary, because *Snakes on a Plane* represents a rare case of cinematic truth-in-advertising. Between the self-explanatory title and the trailers, it is clear exactly what this campy disaster/horror film is all about.

The movie begins inside the cramped quarters of a commercial airliner as the passengers board the plane. Unashamedly politically incorrect, simplistic stereotypes for every character are easily recognizable.

There's the self-important, trash-talking gangsta-rapper (Flex Alexander) with a couple of bodyguards (Keenan Thompson and Keith Dallas); the spoiled debutante (Rachel Blanchard) with a lapdog you could dust with; the coward (Gerard Plunkett); the doting mother (Elsa Pataky) with the whining baby; two young brothers (Daniel Hogarth and Casey Dubois) traveling alone; a couple in love (Emily Holmes and Tygh Runyan); etcetera. Even the crew members are archetypes, such as the effeminate flight attendant (Bruce James), the blonde stewardess (Sunny Mabrey), the bottom pinching pilot (David Koechner), and the stewardess (Julianna Margulies), on her last flight before going to law school, who summons up courage

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Troubles in the cabin start even before the jet leaves the ground when everyone in first class is moved to coach to make way for FBI Agent Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson) and eyewitness Sean Jones (Nathan Phillips). Flynn's been assigned to escort him from Hawaii to Los Angeles to testify in the murder trial of mob boss Eddie Kim (Byron Lawson).

However, Kim hopes to cause the plane to crash by having venomous snakes stowed aboard in a crate. They will be released by a timer when the airliner is 30,000 feet in the air over the Pacific Ocean. As patently absurd as this premise sounds, *Snakes on a Plane* does not disappoint. Samuel L. Jackson enjoys his best outing in years as an FBI agent who loses his composure as soon as all hell breaks loose.

The special effects were created by a convincing combination of computer generated imagery and over 400 real snakes. Additionally, director Ellis comes up with an array of shocking and disgusting ways to kill people.

Tautly edited, these grisly killings are well concealed and are accompanied by a thunderous burst from the score designed to elicit screams from the audience. The film is filled with humorous asides and targeted at teenagers, however, because of all the gore, nudity, sex, and violence, it has been rated R.

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AT THE CINEMA

Accepted (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and drug use). A film about a high school senior (Justin Long) rejected by every university he applied to who comes up with the bright idea of opening the prestigious sounding South Harmon Institute of Technology, so that he and other similarly-situated misfits can trick their parents into believing that they've actually gone on to college.

Barnyard (PG for rude humor and scenes of mild peril). Family-oriented animated feature about a motley collection of mischievous farm animals led by a carefree cow (Kevin James) who enjoys playing tricks on humans till a crisis arrives calling for him to summon up the courage to act responsibly. With voiceovers by Wanda Sykes, Courteney Cox, Danny Glover, Sam Elliott, Andie MacDowell, and director Steve Odekerk.

Beefest (R for sex, nudity, expletives, substance abuse and crude humor). Over-the-top comedy about a couple of brothers who travel to Germany to scatter their grandfather's ashes during Oktoberfest only to end up participating in a centuries-old, rowdy ritual known as the Olympics of beer drinking. Cast includes writer/director/co-star Jay Chandrasekhar, co-collaborator Kevin Heffernan, Mo'Nique, Cloris Leachman and Jürgen Prochnow.

Baytan Beach Club (Unrated). Romantic comedy, set at a retirement community in Florida, revolves around assorted liaisons among a group of senior citizens whose lives intersect at a bereavement group designed to provide emotional support for anyone who's lost a loved one. Ensemble cast includes Dyan Cannon, Sally Kellerman, Michael Nouri, Joseph Bologna, and Brenda Vaccaro.

The Descent (R for profanity and gruesome violence). Hair-raising horror film about six female friends whose spelunking expedition turns into a never ending nightmare when a rockslide traps them underground with a horde of blind, bloodthirsty, cave-dwelling creatures.

The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13 for sensuality). Anne Hathaway stars opposite Meryl Streep in this adaptation of the best seller of the same name about a small-town girl just out of college who lands a job in New York City as an assistant to a very demanding, high-powered magazine editor.

Heading South (Unrated). Set in Haiti during the seventies, this romance drama unfolds against the backdrop of the political instability of the Baby Doc Duvalier regime. Steamy front story revolves around three middle-aged tourists (Charlotte Rampling, Karen Young, and Louise Portal) vacationing on the poverty-stricken island nation with the express purpose of seducing nubile natives. In French and English with subtitles.

Haw ta Eat Fried Worms (PG for bullying and crude humor). Based on Thomas Rockwell's popular, children's novel of the same name, this kiddie adventure revolves around the efforts of an 11 year-old boy (Luke Benward) to earn respect at his new school by accepting a bully's bodacious dare to eat ten worms in one day.

Idlewild (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality and violence). Musical melodrama, set in a speakeasy in the South during Prohibition, about the efforts of a cabaret singer (Big Boi) and a piano player (Andre' 3000) to keep their nightclub free of mob influence. Expanded cast includes Terrence Howard, Paula Jai Parker, Faizon Love, Macy Gray, Bill Nunn, Ving Rhames, Cicely Tyson and Ben Vereen.

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Revenge comedy about a womanizing playboy (Jesse Metcalfe) who gets what's coming to him when three of his ex-girlfriends (Ashanti, Sophia Bush, and Brittany Snow) team up to turn the tables on him by talking the new girl in town into breaking his heart.

Little Miss Sunshine (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Road comedy about a dysfunctional family's ordeal driving by VW bus from Albuquerque, NM to Redondo Beach, CA in order to enter their chubby, bespectacled seven year-old (Abigail Breslin) in a beauty pageant. Cast includes Greg Kinnear and Toni Collette as her doting parents, Alan Arkin as her heroin-snorting grandpa, Steve Carell as her suicidal uncle, and Paul Dano as her mute brother.

Material Girls (PG for mild epithets and rude humor). Hilary and Haylie Duff star as heiresses to a cosmetic fortune who get a reality check when a financial scandal suddenly strips them of all their wealth. With Anjelica Huston, Brent Spiner, Lukas Haas, Obba Babatundé, Marla Conchita Alonso, and Olympic sprinter Carl Lewis.

Miami Vice (R for sex, expletives, and violence). Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx co-star in the screen adaptation of the TV-series about a couple of cool crime-fighting detectives who walk a fine ethical line wooing women while working undercover to crack a drug cartel responsible for several murders in South Florida.

Manster House (PG for scary images, mature themes, crude humor, and profanity). CGI-animated cartoon about three kids who have a hard time convincing adults that the spooky old Victorian mansion up the block is actually a living, breathing monster. Featuring voice work by Steve Buscemi, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Nick Cannon, Jason Lee, Kathleen Turner, Fred Willard, Catherine O'Hara, and Kevin James.

The Night Listener (R for profanity and sexual content). Psychological thriller, adapted from the novel of the same name, stars Robin Williams as a loquacious, gay, nationally syndicated radio talk show host recently abandoned by his HIV positive lifemate, who ventures from New York City to a desolate area of Wisconsin to rendezvous with his biggest fan, a 14 year-old boy (Rory Culkin) who claims to have been a victim of incest, rape, and sexual slavery at the hands of his mom and her series of sleazy boyfriends. With Toni Collette, Sandra Oh, and Joe Morton.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13 for frightening images and violence). Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, and company return for another round of hijinks on the high seas. This time out Captain Jack finds himself trapped in a spooky web of supernatural intrigue, owing a debt of servitude and eternal damnation to Davy Jones.

Pulse (R for violent and disturbing images). Wes Craven wrote the script for this horror film about an evil computer virus which proceeds to terrorize some cute college coeds after the suspicious suicide of their hacker pal (Jonathan Tucker) who might have warned the world about this impending wireless menace.

Scoop (PG-13 for sexual content). Woody Allen wrote, directed, and appears in this romantic comedy about an American journalism student (Scarlett Johansson) vacationing in London who falls in love with a British aristocrat (Hugh Jackman) while attempting to crack the case of the Tarot Card Killer with help of an aging magician known as Sid "Splendini" Waterman (Allen).

Snakes on a Plane (R for sex, expletives, drug use, terror, and violence). Disaster film/crime saga pits a drug kingpin about to go on trial against an FBI agent (Samuel L. Jackson) escorting an eyewitness to court on a flight from Hawaii to L.A. All hell breaks loose at 30,000 feet over the Pacific when a ruthless assassin releases hundreds of poisonous snakes sending passengers and crew into an all-out panic.

Step Up (PG-13 for mature themes, brief violence, and sexual innuendo). Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan co-star in this love across the tracks romance about a prima ballerina from a privileged suburban background who finds the perfect partner in a break dancer who perfected his moves on the streets of Baltimore. Supporting cast includes Oscar-nominee Rachel Griffiths and rapper Heavy D (sans "The Boyz").

Talladega Nights (PG-13 for off-color humor, profanity, violence, and drug references). NASCAR action comedy featuring Will Ferrell as a race car daredevil who teams up with his best friend (John C. Reilly) to take on the flamboyant, European formula one champion (Sacha Baron Cohen) who has arrived from France with every intention of becoming America's stock car king.

World Trade Center (PG-13 for profanity, disturbing images, and intense and emotional content). Oliver Stone's take on 9/11 approaches the terrorist attacks from the perspective of the two New York City transit policemen (Nicolas Cage and Michael Peña) who were the last people pulled alive from the wreckage at Ground Zero. Cast includes Maggie Gyllenhaal, Stephen Dorff, Maria Bello, William Mapother, and Nicholas Turturro.

Yau, Me and Dupree (PG-13 for sexual references and off-color humor). Comedy about a couple of newlyweds (Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson) who come to regret allowing their best man (Owen Wilson) to crash on their couch when he turns into the proverbial guest that won't leave. With Michael Douglas and Amanda Detmer.

Zaam (PG for brief rude humor, mild epithets, and action). Tim Allen stars in this family comedy as a retired superhero coaxed out of retirement to train a ragtag team of private school kids as the next generation of intrepid crusaders. With Chevy Chase, Courteney Cox, Rip Torn, and Cornelio Guest.

—Kam Williams

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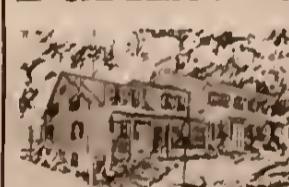
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At 1:32 a.m., Township Police responded to a call from Princeton University Public Safety officers requesting an ambulance. The situational protocol dictated that the Princeton Fire Department also be notified and dispatched to the scene. Police also requested assistance from the Trenton Fire Department Hazmat unit.

After evacuating the building, the emergency response personnel determined that the University employees had been exposed to approximately 100 pounds of freon gas. Of the five persons exposed to the gas, two — Zoltan Janiczek, 31, of Hamilton, and Michael Luling, 40, of Flemington — were taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for evaluation. Unextinguished cigarette Both men were later released. ashes were believed to be

According to Township responsible for a fire that Police, the hazardous material engulfed a two-door 1991 was eradicated from the building. Honda while it was parked in the driveway of a Hun Road the source of the leak could not be determined. The effort of August 14. According to to repair the problem is continuing by University Police, a visitor in the home, a sister-in-law of the car's owner, had attempted to empty the contents of the car's ashtray shortly after she had finished smoking in the car at approximately 9 p.m. At that point she placed the ashtray contents in a plastic bag and placed the bag behind the driver's seat. Her brother-in-law returned to the house at approximately 9:40 p.m. to find the car in flames.

Physter Sonneyboy Andrews, 23, of Ewing, an employee of the Princeton University Store, was arrested

After police officers summoned to the scene attempted without success to extinguish the fire, the Fire Department was called and the fire put out. Police said it was "highly likely" that the fire resulted from the hot ashes having been placed in the car's back seat.

A 44-year-old New York man, Scott Elmer, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana on August 20 after Borough Ptl. James Dodd saw him smoking marijuana in public on Palmer Square. The accused man was released on his own recognizance pending a future court date.



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On Monday, August 14, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded for a semi-conscious elderly woman. The confused, lethargic and diaphoretic patient was found to have an extremely low blood sugar. She resisted attempts by the crew to administer oral glucose. After paramedics from Capital Health Systems were able to establish intravenous access and administer dextrose, she regained consciousness but refused transport to the hospital.

longer contaminated. One worker complained of dizziness and delirium, and was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton for evaluation. The other worker refused transport.

On Thursday, August 17, the Squad responded to an assisted care facility for an elderly woman who passed out in the bathroom. The patient had just been released from the hospital minutes earlier for a prior stroke. Family members on scene report that she regained consciousness after a short time, but was only partially responsive. The EMS crew found the patient had a low blood pressure, administered oxygen, and transported her to UMCP for further treatment.

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Sports

Sims Finds a Home in Denver, Sparking Outlaws to MLL Semis

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Helping a pro franchise get off the ground is typically a thankless task that can come with a steady diet of losing.

From the 1962 New York Mets, who went 40-120 in their debut season, to the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, a bumbling 0-14 outfit in its first NFL fall, the pro sports landscape is littered with first-year teams that struggled mightily.

Yet former Princeton University men's lacrosse star midfielder Josh Sims was thrilled to get traded earlier this year to the expansion Denver Outlaws of Major League Lacrosse (MLL).

The 2000 PU grad had been spending his summers playing for the Baltimore Bayhawks and his winters indoors toiling for the Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League. With his wife Meghan expecting the couple's first child this spring, Sims pushed to get traded to Denver.

Off the field, things have worked out as expected with Sims in town for the birth of his daughter, Maddie, who is now 12 weeks old. On the field, however, the Outlaws have exceeded expectations, going 10-2 in regular season play.

This week, Sims and his teammates will look to continue their remarkable debut

said the 6'2, 205-pound Sims, who has scored 37 points this season on 19 goals (7 two-pointers) and 11 assists to rank fourth in scoring among MLL midfielders and 14th overall among all players. "It was what I was looking for when I asked for the trade. We have a strong group of guys who nobody would have picked as a unit."

While Denver's success has turned heads around the league, Sims was confident about the team's chances right from the start.

"It was a different year," said Sims, noting that the league expanded to Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco this season in addition to Denver.

"There were so many teams that took hits from the expansion drafts. It was a transition year and there was no telling what would happen."

With Denver looking to develop some instant chemistry, Sims assumed extra responsibility. "I'm a veteran and a leader," asserted Sims, now 28. "I'm trying to guide the younger guys and score goals when we need them. I want to be a guy that works hard for ground balls and keeps the ball in our end."

Sims, who helped Baltimore to MLL crowns in 2002 and 2005, has stepped up his defensive play during his pro career. "I've improved defensively; that is

The Outlaws' transition game has been aided by the on-field bond between Sims and former Princeton teammate, goalie Trevor Tierney. "As soon as he makes a save, I go to a spot where I think he can find me with a pass," said Sims, who earned an MLL title with Tierney last year and an NCAA crown with him in 1998. "Playing with friends is what makes the game worthwhile."

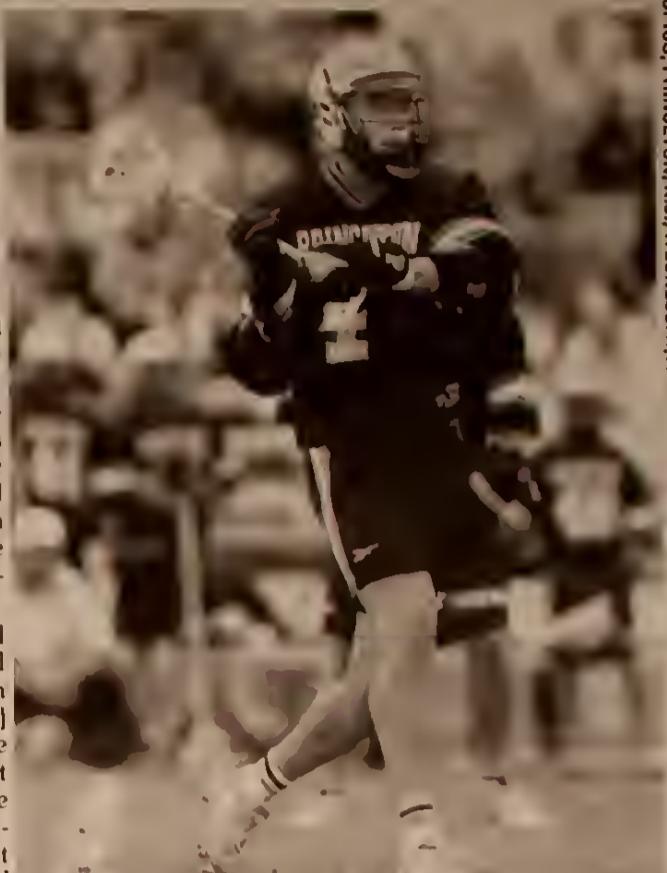
For Sims, his Princeton experience was worthwhile on several levels. "Confidence was the biggest thing," said Sims, when reflecting on what he gained most on the field in his Princeton experience.

"In my freshman year, I came into a team stocked with stars that had just won a national title. Coach [Bill] Tierney wanted me to come in and be aggressive but out of respect I deferred to the older guys. By my sophomore year, I realized what kind of contribution I could make and I was more aggressive."

Sims' growth wasn't confined to the lacrosse field during his years at Princeton. "Off the field time management was the biggest thing," said Sims, who works as a rep for Warrior Lacrosse and helps run youth lax programs in the Denver area. "You learn to work hard at whatever you do; most of the guys I know have been pretty busy post-college."

If the Outlaws keep working hard, they could accomplish the extraordinary feat of winning a championship in their first season.

"I believe that we have a group of good guys," said Sims. "We don't have a ton



NO JOSHING: Josh Sims prepares to unload the ball during his career with the Princeton University men's lacrosse program. Sims, a 2000 PU grad who was named as the nation's outstanding midfielder twice during his Tiger career, is currently starring for the expansion Denver Outlaws of Major League Lacrosse (MLL). Sims has scored 37 points this season to help Denver post a 10-2 mark and advance to the MLL playoffs. Sims and his teammates will look to continue their remarkable debut season as they face the San Francisco Dragons in the MLL semifinals at Los Angeles on August 25 with the winner to play in the title game two days later against the victor of the Philadelphia-Boston semifinal clash.

(Photo courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

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For Sims, the season has been an extended Rocky Mountain high. "It's been great,"

where things have changed as opposed to college when I was needed more for offense," noted Sims, who was named as the nation's outstanding midfielder twice during his Princeton career (1998 and 2000) and is the program's eighth all-time leading goal scorer with 103 tallies. "The MLL is a fast league; you have to be good in transition."

of experience but we've been working together well. We need to put together our best effort and play within ourselves."

With Sims providing a special effort from the midfield, the Outlaws will be hard to shoot down.

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PU Lax Great Hubbard Diversifies Game, Helps NJ Pride Return to Respectability

Utilizing a radar-like shot, Jesse Hubbard has stamped his name as a prolific scorer in both college and professional lacrosse.

The 1998 Princeton University graduate ended his Tiger men's lax career as the program's all-time leader in goals with 163. His sharpshooting earned Hubbard first-team All-American status and helped Princeton to three straight national titles between 1996-1998.

Moving up to the New Jersey Pride of Major League Lacrosse in 2001, Hubbard's finishing prowess continued unabated as the 6'1, 215-pound attacker has scored a total of 193 goals in six pro campaigns, second-most in league history behind the 206 tallied by Mark Millon.

Yet as Hubbard learned to adjust with a surgically-inserted plate in his finger, he diversified his game, focusing more on setting up goals rather than finishing. This past season, Hubbard's versatility paid dividends as he helped the Pride produce a 5-7 record, a marked improvement on the dismal 1-11 mark the team posted in 2005.

In reflecting on the injury, Hubbard said it that it may have been a blessing in disguise. "It was my first broken bone, I was not real happy about that," said Hubbard, who scored 38 points this season, including a team-high 20 assists.

"I was not close to being 100 percent, I was playing at 30 or 40 percent. It forced me to distribute. At the beginning, I was the main shooter. We had Jon Hess (Hubbard's Princeton classmate) who was one of the best feeders ever and other feeders like Jay Jalbert. Now we have scorers like Scott Urick and A.J. Haugen; I'm finding myself creating things."

While Hubbard is proud of his goal-scoring exploits, he has no problem with his changed role. "I've scored a lot of goals but I'm not obsessed with that," said Hubbard, now 30. "I want the team to play good lacrosse. If I'm the guy making the first pass and two passes later we score, that's fine. I like a pretty offense."

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RESTORING PRIDE: Former PU men's lax star Jesse Hubbard races down the field for the New Jersey Pride of Major League Lacrosse (MLL). With Hubbard diversifying his game by leading the team in assists with 20, the Pride produced a 5-7 record this season, a marked improvement on the dismal 1-11 mark it posted in 2005.

The Pride displayed some pretty offense this summer as it narrowly missed a playoff spot, falling two wins short of the post-season with three losses coming in overtime.

"We weren't in many games last year," acknowledged Hubbard. "I don't think the other teams respected our roster. This year, we've been in almost every game. All you can ask is to be close and in a position to win. We've played well, we have some good young guys."

Hubbard likes the position the MLL finds itself in collectively as it added four new teams this season, extending the pro game's reach to Chicago, Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

"Guys in college look forward to playing in the MLL," said Hubbard. "Before some did and some didn't. It's been a lot of fun. Everyone who plays in this league is competing hard; they are all used to winning in college. You have to fight to win every game; there are no easy wins."

In Hubbard's view, the growth of the MLL is emblematic of lacrosse's surge in popularity nationwide. "There are two things that grow a sport," explained Hubbard.

"One is at the grass roots level with youth programs and good coaching. There is a lot more lacrosse instruction; there are camps all over. The other is media coverage from the top down. The kids see the game on TV and they read about it in magazines."

In his day job as a marketing rep with the Warrior Lacrosse company, Hubbard gets to give to the game in another fashion. "I grew up obsessed with lacrosse sticks and I wanted to know why they worked," said Hubbard.

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Based on how Hubbard has diversified his game in the wake of his finger injury, it is clear that he has plenty to contribute to the game in addition to his blistering shot.

—Bill Alden



LASER SURGERY: Jesse Hubbard looks for an opening during his storied career with the Princeton University men's lacrosse team. Hubbard, a 1998 PU grad, ended his Tiger men's lax career as the program's all-time leader in goals with 163. Utilizing his laser-like shot, Hubbard earned first-team All-American status and helped Princeton to three straight national titles between 1996-1998. Moving up to the New Jersey Pride of Major League Lacrosse in 2001, Hubbard's scoring has continued unabated as he has rung up a total of 193 goals in six pro campaigns, second-most in league history behind the 206 tallied by Mark Millon.

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COURT JESTERS: Counselors and coaches of the High Hoops basketball skills camp enjoy a break earlier this summer. The program was founded by Princeton High alum Jackie Dorman in 2003 and takes place at the Donnelly Home gym in Trenton.



HIGH HOPES: Princeton High rising sophomore Jelli Dorman, second from left, bonds with some of the campers at the High Hoops program at the Donnelly Home gym in Trenton. Dorman's diligent efforts in raising funds and taking care of logistical details helped ensure that the program enjoyed another successful summer.

PHS Sophomore Dorman Steps Up, Helping to Keep High Hoops Alive

For many, the Donnelly Homes area of Trenton conjures up depressing images.

The housing project in the Calhoun Street neighborhood has been plagued by crime and poverty over the years.

But in the summer of 2003, a Princeton High student, Jackie Dorman, turned the Donnelly Home gym into an oasis of hope for a group of young girls.

Dorman founded "High Hoops" that summer, a basketball skills camp for girls ages 8-13. The program, which combined a heavy dose of life lessons along with hoops drills, was a success from the start, drawing a solid following of about 25 girls.

Sparked by Dorman's leadership and the efforts of a core of dedicated counselors from PHS and other local schools, the program thrived, becoming an annual tradition in the Donnelly Home neighborhood.

This summer, though, Dorman, now a rising junior at the University of Georgia, couldn't devote the time to run the program, having landed an internship with the WNBA that had her commuting to New York City.

With the program's existence in jeopardy, Dorman's younger sister, Jelli, a rising sophomore at PHS, picked up the ball.

Throwing herself into the project, the younger Dorman sent out hundreds of letters this spring seeking the funds necessary to keep High Hoops alive.

Jelli's efforts paid off as High Hoops survived, with a group of about 15-20 girls participating in the six-week program that concluded earlier this month.

In reflecting on stepping in for her sister, Dorman said she was psyched to assume a leading role. "I've loved High Hoops since its first season," said Dorman. "When Jackie got the job with the WNBA, I was excited to take over. In April and May I prepared hundreds of envelopes to send to friends; it took a lot of time. We collected around \$7,000."

Dorman is proud of the fruits of that labor. "I think this may have been the best summer so far," asserted Dorman. "We had smaller and younger kids and they really wanted to learn."

The program features two nightly sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in which the players warm up with drills and then stretch and then scrimmage among themselves or with the game and they had a great camp counselors.

There are also day trips included with the program concluding with a picnic at the Community Park pool in Princeton.

While basketball is at the top of the camp's agenda, Dorman and the counselors and coaches impart other lessons along the way.

"It's not just about basketball," explained Dorman. "We try to teach life skills, cooperation with each other, and respect for older people and peers. We have the kids write essays about what they are thankful for. If they complete that, they get a box of supplies for school."

Dorman, for her part, is thankful for the progress she has seen in the players. "We had one girl who had the worst attitude the first year," recalled Dorman. "She would walk out of the gym when we tried to discipline her. This year, she is one of the best campers; she is getting the other kids to behave."

A special impetus driving Dorman to keep the program alive was the death this past April of camp counselor Nick Procaccino, a 2003 PHS alum and former Little Tiger football co-captain.

"Nick was one of our best counselors, he let the kids jump all over him," said Dorman. "A lot of the kids knew Nick and they said they are thankful he is in a better place. We're starting a Nick Procaccino All-Star award which will be going to the camper with the best attitude."

Dorman's attitude has changed as a result of her involvement in High Hoops. "It's made me more thankful for what I have," said Dorman. "I realize how lucky I am. I've learned from the campers; they are so independent. I always have my mom to turn to; a lot of them don't."

A highlight of this summer's program came when the campers took a trip to the WNBA All-Star game in a jaunt arranged by Dorman's older sister.

Whether or not any of the campers ultimately make it to the pro ranks, it's safe to say that their lives have been changed for the better as a result of High Hoops.

—Bill Alden

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Former PU Cyclist Beyer Rides High As He Pedals Through French Alps

Around this time five years ago, Jon Beyer was getting ready to start his freshman season with the Princeton University men's soccer program.

Unfortunately for Beyer, a native of Laurel, Md. and an All-State soccer star in high school, a serious case of shin splints forced him to quit the game that fall.

Soccer's loss, though, became cycling's gain as Beyer filled his athletic void by joining the Princeton Cycling Team and quickly emerging as one of the club's mainstays.

By the spring of his senior year in 2005, Beyer was the president of the club and one of its top performers, culminating his career by finishing 30th in the collegiate national road race and helping Princeton to a seventh place finish in the team trial.

Recently, Beyer's cycling career reached new heights as he participated in the L'Etape du Tour, an event that allows amateur cyclists to pedal the course of one of the stages in this year's Tour de France.

Beyer cycled the 120-mile course from Gap to Alpe d'Huez that served as Stage 15 of the 2006 Tour, com-

pleting the grueling course in approximately seven and a half hours, putting him in the top 10 percent of the 8,000 participants.

While Beyer, 23, didn't envision that taking up cycling would someday have him rolling through the French Alps, he realized that the sport afforded him the opportunity to quickly excel.

"I saw that it was a sport that if you had some athletic ability and were in good shape, you could improve in a hurry," said Beyer. "The collegiate season is in the spring and once I got a taste of racing, I couldn't get enough of it."

Beyer's development as a cyclist was hastened by training with Tyler Wren, a 2002 Princeton graduate. "I really looked up to Tyler," recalled Beyer, noting that his mentor is currently a cyclist with the Colavita/Sutter Home Pro Cycling Team. "He won four national titles and he didn't start racing until his freshman year. He got me very motivated."

For Beyer, cycling provided excitement and camaraderie

lacking in soccer. "In soccer team helped give Beyer the confidence to go for the 30-40 times a game; you touch the ball maybe 10 times a game; you touch the ball," said Beyer, who Bruce Hart decided to get a group of Americans to go over week during his Princeton for the E'Tape," said Beyer. "I tried to do some climbing action the whole time; you have time to seriously train to stay focused. The best once we were in France. We have a lot of time running off Princeton Junction named the ball," said Beyer, who Bruce Hart decided to get a group of Americans to go over week during his Princeton for the E'Tape," said Beyer. "I tried to do some climbing

"In cycling, you are in the work before I left. We didn't have to stay focused. The best once we were in France. We thing about the club was the had to get acclimated to the togetherness. When you ride altitude the first couple of with someone for five hours days."

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iment trash into clean, nutrient- ence," said Beyer, who noted rich compost.

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As the Chief Technological Officer of TerraCycle, Beyer has to juggle things to get in his cycling. "I'm at the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:30 and I sometimes work two hours at night because I can take work home," said Beyer. "I fit in rides in the afternoon and I try to get in 15 hours of training a week during the summer."

To sharpen his cycling, Beyer has joined a club sponsored by WBI Investments. "It is based in Little Silver and we have a composite of guys,"

—Bill Alden



RIDING HIGH: Jon Beyer rides through the French Alps as he participated in the L'Etape du Tour, an event that allows amateur cyclists to pedal the course of one of the stages in this year's Tour de France. Beyer, a former mainstay of the Princeton University cycling team, cycled the 120-mile course from Gap to l'Alpe d'Huez that served as Stage 15 of the 2006 Tour. He completed the grueling course in approximately seven and a half hours, putting him in the top 10 percent of the 8,000 participants. When he isn't cycling, the 2005 PU grad serves as the Chief Technological Officer of TerraCycle, an organic plant food company he helped found during his college days.

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The PGSA is also offering a travel program which will involve games every Friday night, starting on September 8 and running for eight weeks. There will be an Under-10 for players ages 9-10 and an U-12 team for players ages 11-12. The PGSA teams will be playing area teams with several home games planned. The fee for participating on the travel team is \$50 a player.

For more information and registration forms, contact Paul Gray at (267) 968-5538.

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The Springdale Golf Club in Princeton is currently holding youth golf clinics every Friday.

The sessions are open to non-members and will continue through August. Children ages 8 and under are scheduled for 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., with ages 9-12 going at 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., and ages 13 and up going at 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

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CAMPING OUT: Princeton University men's soccer head coach Jim Barlow, second from right, surveys the action last week at Princeton Stadium during the program's annual youth summer camp. This week, Barlow will be putting his Tiger team through its paces in preseas on September 1 against visiting Stanford. In 2005, Princeton went 6-8-3 overall and 3-3-1 in Ivy League play.

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By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson



QUESTION: My husband is like an emotional rock. I know he's a caring guy, but he never cries. Why do men have such a problem with emotions?

ANSWER: Many men see expressing feelings, especially crying, as a sign of weakness. Their fear is that men will ridicule them, and women will reject them.

I recently saw a couple where the wife was urging her husband to share his feelings. When he finally did, courageously speaking with tears in his eyes, she stared at him with disgust and exclaimed, "And I thought that I married a man!" Needless to say, any further motivation of his to "let it all hang out" went down in flames.

To attack this problem, we must attack the myth that a man is weak if he expresses his emotions. What must it be like to be married to your "emotional rock"? Whether your husband is the strong, silent type or someone who intellectualizes his feelings, giving you a computer printout of 7.5 reasons for loving you, the end result is the same: you are starving to death emotionally. The pain that you are feeling is proof positive that holding feelings in has let the air out of your marriage.

So, how do you get him to change? Here are 3 ideas.

1. BE REALISTIC: Make sure that you have "changed," that you are not like the wife I just described. Both you and your husband must realize that the "real man" images of Dirty Harry, Rambo, The Terminator, or The Duke are just that — images. They are imaginary, and, even if they were real, they would need intense therapy a lot more than idol worship.

2. BE PATIENT: Realize that your husband may have had some rather deep conditioning in his family. I had a client once whose father died when he was a boy. Kneeling before his father's casket at the wake, he began to have tears running down his cheeks. His much older brother came up to him and whispered, "If you can't control yourself, you won't be allowed to stay!" It took that boy years to reverse the pattern that he was taught, even though he knew it was wrong.

3. BE PERSISTENT: Practice does make perfect. My advice to couples is that they get into the habit of setting aside 1 hour per week to talk. That time span enables you to go deeper than the normal "How was your day?" conversation. Also, try to enjoy it. This is not a grilling under the fluorescent lights in the kitchen, but rather a romantic talk in the living room with soft music and dimmed lighting to set the mood. When couples smirk and remind me that they have children, I simply challenge them to get creative. If you are too tired when the kids are in bed, consider using your DVD player and a favorite Disney tape to occupy the kids. Hard — yes. Impossible — no. Your reward will be the marriage that you have always wanted.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 23

11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour, Duke Farms, Hillsborough. Also Thursday through Sunday. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

2 to 8 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; Adath Israel, 1958 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville. Also Cherry Valley Country Club, Skillman; and Mercer County Community Donor Center, 707 Alexander Road.

2 and 8 p.m.: The Full Monty; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Radio Gals; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 24

Noon: Screening of The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill; Princeton Public Library. Free.

6 p.m.: Arts Council Summer Concert Italian Festival, with music by Jay Posipanko and Michael Lemma; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: Tonerangers rock & blues band; Weeden Park, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Twelfth Night; Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Community Park North. Also Friday through Sunday at 8 p.m.

Friday, August 25

7 p.m.: Courtyard Concert with Snapperhead Zydeco; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Nunsensations!; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Pete Michael and Paul Verzi; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 26

6 p.m.: Music in the Park; Mercer County Park, West Windsor.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Larry Tritel; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Screening of Disney Channel's The Cheetah Girls 2; Princeton Family YMCA.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, A League of Their Own; Hopewell Train Station. Free.

Tuesday, August 29

Noon: Concerts on the Landing Series, with Tim Conley jazz band; War Memorial, Trenton.

Wednesday, August 30

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: The Full Monty; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: "McGarter Live at the Library" with actress Blair Brown and director Emily Mann discussing



IT'S STILL SUMMER VACATION: Ami Lin McClure and Fred Sailer played computer games at the Princeton Library last Saturday morning. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 23 – Wednesday, August 30

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St.; Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH); Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC).

Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, August 23:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, August 24:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Tool; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Movie: The Producers; SPB.

Friday, August 25:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Afternoons with April; SPB.

Monday, August 28:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, August 29:

11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 30:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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CLUBS

The Master Gardeners of Mercer County will be featured this Saturday, August 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Windsor Community Farmers' Market.

The Master Gardeners is a volunteer group that coordinates its efforts with the Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension of Mercer County, disseminating information to the public about gardening, lawns, and other related topics.

The Market, held on Saturdays from May 20 to October 28, is located in the southbound Vaughn Drive parking lot of the Princeton Junction train station. Admission is free.

The Society's meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

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There is no charge for first-time visitors.

For more information, call (609) 393-3762 or visit www.princetonrecorder.org.

The Princeton Macintosh

Users Group will meet on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Room A-10 of Jadwin Hall at Princeton University. The speaker will be Dave Brody of Imaginova who will discuss Starry Nights Astronomy software.

All PMUG meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Seth T. Eberhardt at (908) 359-8851 or visit www.pmuug-nj.org.

The Junior League of Greater Princeton

is seeking members for its 2006-07 provisional class.

The Junior League is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. It focuses its efforts on the needs of women and children in Mercer and Bucks counties and the surrounding areas.

Women over the age of 21 are welcome as members.

During the last year, League members contributed financial assistance and over 20,000 hours of volunteer service to the community through hands-on projects, grants, and scholarships.

Interested women are invited to attend one of the

The Princeton Circle of Entrepreneurs will meet at Panera Bread, 136 Nassau Street, on September 15 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome, and invited to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. for conversation with group members. At 7:30 p.m., speakers Nana Etse and Kel Imanishi will share the model for sustainability that is the framework for JoeNana LLC.

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The Princeton Circle of Entrepreneurs is affiliated with the Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia (www.sbnphiladelphia.org). The group meets monthly to share the ideals and challenges of peaceful interdependence through commerce, exploring the practicalities and goals of growing a socially responsible business. For more information, contact Helen Asquine Fazio at helenfazio@gmail.com.

Engagements and Weddings



John Tsliouris and Justine Schiro

Schiro-Tsliouris. Justine Frances Schiro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Schiro of Princeton and Zurich, Switzerland, to Dr. A. John Tsliouris, son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Tsliouris of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart and received a B.A. in History from Columbia College, Columbia University. She is a producer with ABC's *World News* with Charles Gibson, and is an active member of the Junior League in New York City.

Dr. Tsliouris is a graduate of Polytechnic Preparatory Day School in Brooklyn. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Johns Hopkins University and Alpha Omega Alpha from Cornell Medical College. He is currently an attending radiologist and an assistant professor of radiology at New York Hospital-Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York.

A late September wedding is planned.



Normajeon Pratico and Kenneth Swiss

(Photo by Pryde Brown)

Pratico-Swiss. Normajeon Pratico, daughter of Chris and Denise Pratico of Princeton, to Kenneth John Swiss, son of Albert and Elizabeth Swiss of Brisbane, Australia, on May 13 at St. Paul's Church in Princeton. Monsignor Walter E. Nolan officiated.

A reception was held at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal. Megan Healy was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Audrey Cooper, Amy Heller, Heather Lucania, Natalie Pasarello and Candice Swiss, sister of the groom. Pat Pratico, brother of the bride, served as best man. Groomsmen included Michael Dalby, Craig Wirth, Michael Kruszczynski, David Kruszczynski, and Mark Kruszczynski.

A graduate of Villanova University, the bride was until recently a vice president for asset management at Morgan Stanley in New York.

The groom graduated with a law degree from Bond University in Queensland, Australia. He also received a graduate diploma in law from Queensland's University of Technology and a master's law degree from University of Queensland. Formerly employed by the Australian Stock Exchange, he is the associate director of markets for the Dubai Financial Services Authority, regulator of the Dubai International Financial Center in the United Arab Emirates.

Following a honeymoon in Bora Bora and Australia, the couple will reside in Dubai.

OBITUARIES

Harold Mantell

Harold Mantell, 85, of Stuart, Fla., formerly of Princeton, died August 12 in New York.

A resident of Princeton for more than 30 years, he was a public relations executive and an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose work spanned a wide range of topics, from the 1967 New York Yankees to the Nobel Prize winning poet Pablo Neruda.

Born in Manhattan, he received his bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and a masters from Columbia University. After the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy, and as a lieutenant commanded a group of landing craft in the South Pacific. Later, he became press officer for Admiral Chester Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet. In 1944, during a visit to the Pacific, Eleanor Roosevelt was sufficiently impressed by Admiral Nimitz's 23-year-old press officer that she told him that if he ever needed help getting a job after the war, he could call her. Two years later Mr. Mantell called and, on the strength of the former first lady's recommendation, became public information officer for the American Association on Indian Affairs. It was the beginning of a half-century of work dedicated to public education.

His first job led to one at the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, where he helped make public health a national issue. He lobbied for the establishment of the National Cancer Institute and created some of the earliest anti-smoking commercials on television. Later, he formed his own public relations firm representing the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations in the area of public health.

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Depression, he had worked as an usher at movie theaters, learning the craft of filmmaking. After his first tour of duty during World War II, he had been put in charge of training films at the naval base at Norfolk, Va. In the 1960s he began writing and producing his own documentary films as part of public education campaigns, including the first documentary about industrial air pollution for the New York State Department of Health, and on community polio immunization for the State of New Jersey. He went on to make more than 100 documentaries, televised in New York on WNET and WNEW, nationally on PBS, and internationally.

Among his favorites were *Rebirth of Johnny*, one of the first films to publicize the struggles of the mentally handicapped; *Miracle in OR 5*, the broadcast of the then new technology of open heart surgery; and *Yankee Bat Boy*, which chronicled the last year of the Mickey Mantle era of the New York Yankees, as seen through the eyes of the team's bat boy.

He started Films for the Humanities and Sciences, now known as the Films Media Group, based in Princeton, together with his wife, Marianne in the early 1970s. In addition to producing new programs for television, the company began distributing the documentaries Mr. Mantell had made about some of his favorite authors, including e.e. cummings, Pablo Neruda, Robert Frost, Kurt Vonnegut, and Jorge Luis Borges. Over the years, broadcasters around the world came to rely on the company to distribute their programs in North America to schools and colleges.

Films for the Humanities became the largest distributor of educational films in North America, and by the time of Mr. Mantell's retirement in the mid 1990s the company's catalog had grown from 30 to more than 8,000 titles.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marianne Mantell of Stuart; four children, Stephen of Chappaqua, N.Y., Michael of Princeton, David of Chicago, Ill., and Eva of Princeton; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by The Kimble Funeral Home.

Mona A. Fisher

Mona A. Fisher, 80, of Princeton, died August 17 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Elizabeth, she was a lifelong Princeton resident.

She was the owner for many years of The Town Shop on Palmer Square.

She was a longtime member of the University Medical Center at Princeton Auxiliary, serving in numerous positions in support of the Hospital Fete. She was also an active member of the Princeton Republican Club and the Princeton Get-Away Club.

For many years, she and her husband hosted the Princeton University Class of 1946 Reunion Saturday night dinners at their home. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, and in February, Mrs. Fisher was given a surprise 80th birthday celebration with most of her extended family in attendance.

Daughter of the late Gordon and Mary Mona Lecky Hall, and sister of the late Mollie O. Hall, she is survived by her husband of 60 years T. Burnet Fisher, P.E.; a son, Gordon of Lawrenceville; three daughters, Betsy Dalby of Freehold, Cathy Manly of Westerville, Ohio, and Mollie Anderson of Mooresville, N.C.; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday, August 22 at All Saints' Episcopal Church. A private interment preceded the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SAVE, 900 Herrontown Road, Princeton 08540; or to the Princeton University Class of 1946 Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2011, Princeton 08542.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Elsa Karin Slaby

Karin Slaby of Princeton died peacefully at home on August 18. She was a former director of the Housing Authority of Princeton.

Born in Norway, the daughter to Elise and Carl Larsen, she grew up in New York City with her parents and two sisters, Gloria and Cathryn. During World War

II she worked at Republic Aviation Corp., where she met her future husband. Following her marriage to Steve Slaby on March 19, 1944, the couple travelled throughout Europe on a motorcycle, lived in Norway, and eventually settled in Princeton where Mr. Slaby began a long career at Princeton University.

In 1963, Mrs. Slaby began her career with the Housing Authority. During her 28 year tenure with the Authority, she initiated the construction of several new housing units, one of which, Karin Court, is named after her. She also provided support, advice, and friendship during the founding years of the Princeton Senior Resource Center at Spruce Circles, which she helped to create.

She was predeceased by a sister, Gloria Tonnessen. She is survived by her loving husband Steve; a daughter, Kristin Slaby; a son and daughter-in-law, Stefan and Donna Slaby; a sister, Kathryn Ether; and two grandchildren.

An open house will be held in her honor this Sunday, August 27, at the Slaby residence from noon to 6 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Heifer International Foundation at www.heifer.org; or to the Princeton Resource Center.

Alise P. Warren

Alise P. Warren, 76, of Princeton, died August 13 at Princeton Care Center, where she had resided for the past three years.

Born in Bay St. Louis, Miss., she also lived in Kokomo, Ind., and Ann Arbor, Mich., where she worked as assistant manager at Follett's bookstore. Settling in Los Angeles, Calif., she became a general manager for several carpet manufacturers, retiring in the 1960s.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis Warren of Los Angeles; and a sister, Marlene Raboteau, and a brother, Albert Raboteau II, both of Princeton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held August 18 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Interment was at Trinity-All Saints' Cemetery.

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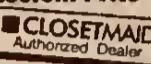
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Laura M. Hovsepian
Laura M. Hovsepian, 81, of Rocky Hill, died August 14 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Passaic, she had been a resident of Rocky Hill for more than 42 years, moving there from Rutherford.

She was a graduate of Trenton State College. Her career as a high school physical education teacher began in Ocean Grove. It was followed by many years as an executive secretary at White, Weld & Co., New York City.

She enjoyed many hob-

bies, including breeding and training Standard Poodles. She was on the board of Princeton Care Givers and a member of Nassau Presbyterian Church, the Watchung Mountain Poodle Club, and the Mothers of Twins organization.

Wife of the late John H. Hovsepian and sister of the late Katherine Weimer, she is survived by two sons, David of Carmel, N.Y. and Robert of Belmar; and one granddaughter.

The funeral service was Saturday at Nassau Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Lauren McFeaters officiating. Interment was in

Rocky Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Blackwell Memorial Home, Pennington.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Humane Society.

Dmitri Z. Garbuzov

Dmitri Z. Garbuzov, Ph.D., 65, of Princeton, died August 20 at home.

Born in Sverdlovsk, Russia, he had been a Princeton resident since 1994, working for Princeton University, then the Sarnoff Corporation, and finally Princeton Lightwave. He was a prominent physicist and a member of the Russian Academy of Science.

Son of the late Zalman Garbuzov and Natalia Polivoda, he is survived by his wife of 26 years, Galina L. Minina; a son, Dmitri; and a daughter, Alina.

The funeral service was yesterday at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. Burial was private.

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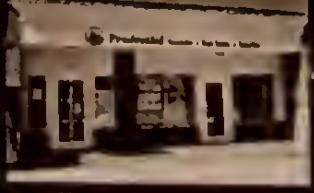
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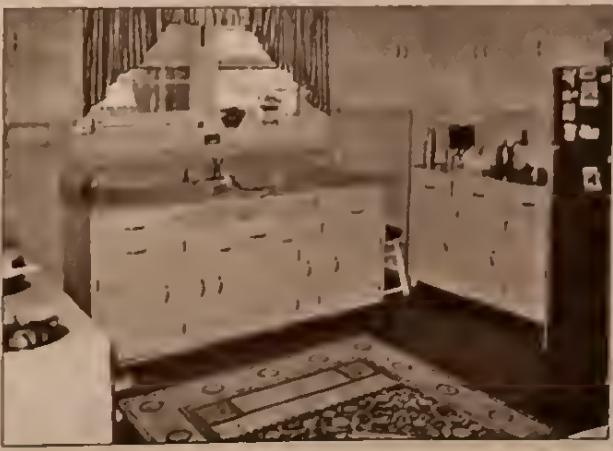
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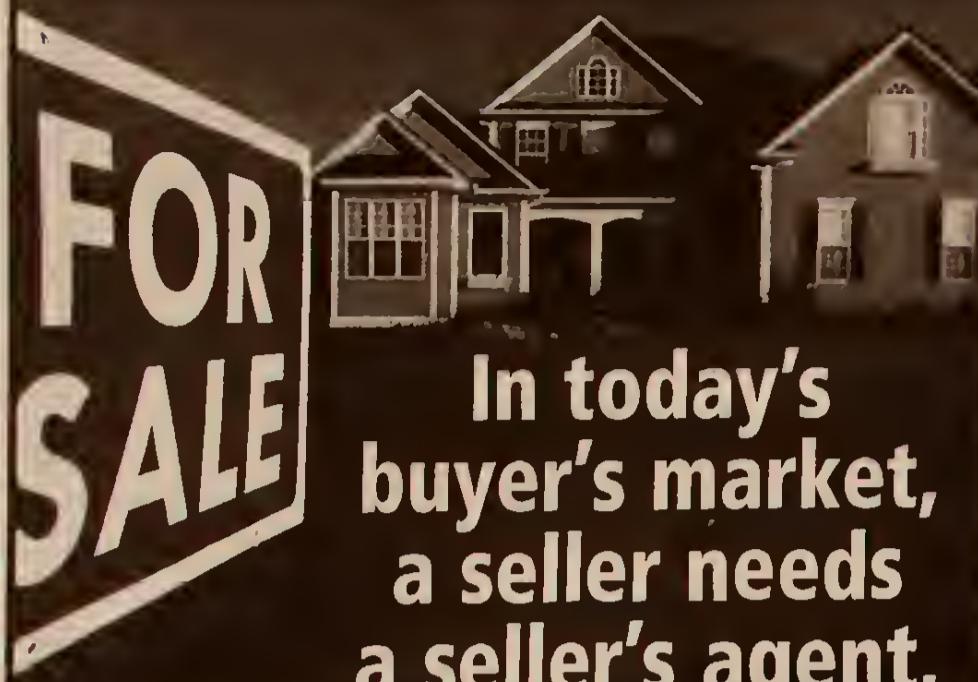
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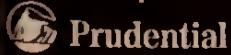
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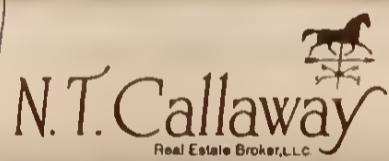
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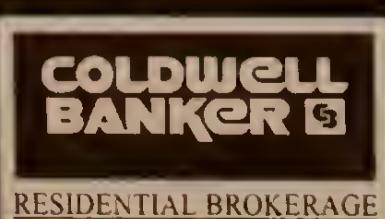
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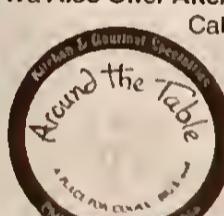
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Tutors are major players in education today. With individuals and large companies all participating in the mix, tutoring is bigger than ever, and more often than not, students are relying on tutors for that extra edge and incentive to help them succeed.

Students in search of tutors are generally in middle school or high school, although they may be older. With competition so intense for college today, kids, often urged by their parents, are usually receptive to tutoring.

"Competition in the Princeton area is very intense," points out private tutor Bernie Margolin, who has been helping students for 11 years in Mercer, Somerset, and Hunterdon Counties, and who concentrates on chemistry, business, math, and English. "It is really unlike anywhere else. Three of the best public

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One-on-One

Approaches to tutoring vary, but in most cases, a one-on-one relationship is preferred by tutor and student alike. Group sessions of three students are also common. Whether the student is confident and optimistic or discouraged and anxious is also a factor. Establishing a cordial, comfortable relationship is crucial.

"If I am working with a discouraged student, I get them to think they can do it," notes Mr. Margolin. "Self-confidence is achieved by getting them to think they can do it. These kids are smart; you just have to get them to believe in themselves. Also, they have to trust me. Young people can be unsettled and accustomed to being scolded. I'm laid back. My objective always is to help them to be successful."

The student-teacher relationship is the most important aspect of one-on-one tutoring," says Karl Schellscheidt, founder of Premier Tutoring Institute (PTI). "Motivating

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and teaching a student are easy when the student feels happy and comfortable."

Patrick Bock, director of the Princeton Review, which focuses on preparing students to take the standardized SATs, adds that it is not unusual to encounter nervous test-takers. In that case, he recommends Practice, Practice, Practice.

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The interest and encouragement of a non-family adult can go a long way in helping a student to do his or her best,

points out Bob Fass, retired high school and middle school teacher and counselor in the Montgomery School system, and founder of Study Smart.

Important Benefit

"One of the most important benefits of tutoring is that someone other than parents or teachers — a non-judgmental adult — helps the kids to help themselves. If the kid is discouraged, we do a lot of positive reinforcement."

Once a comfortable relationship has been established, working on the specifics can get underway.

"The purpose of tutoring is to isolate any problem areas, whether it's chemistry, math, or whatever," explains Mr. Margolin. "Sometimes, I will rely on the course work they are doing and give a test. I also make sure their jargon for a particular discipline is

adequate. There are jargon, general concepts, and later, nuances. Once you have the jargon, you can learn the concepts. The jargon should trigger certain concepts."

Since the Princeton Review's purpose is to aid students in preparing for the SATs, tutoring sessions are focused on these tests.

Each class session of one and a half to two hours is geared toward two subjects," says Mr. Bock. "We do a lot of drilling, problem identification — for example, what makes a particular problem hard?"

Bob Fass's approach is somewhat different than that of the other tutors. "I'm a generalist," he points out. "One of the problems I've seen over a long and varied career is that both state and federal

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"Also, kids need down time just to do kid stuff. Not everything has to be so structured. What I really hope to do is to instill the pleasure of learning, not just to do well on tests."

He adds that he will often work with students again for

reinforcement, if necessary.

Mr. Schellscheidt of PTI sees broad benefits of tutoring. PTI offers help both on subject matter and standardized tests, such as SAT, SSAT, and ACT.

"While the mastery of subject and/or test-specific content is an important benefit of tutoring, more so are the development of problem-solving, critical thinking, and test-taking skills, in addition to study strategies."

Adds Bernie Margolin: "My objective is to help with a given subject but to refine the student's ability to think and learn. Education is an ethical pursuit of universal truth. To attain that, we have to learn how to learn and how to think. Everything revolves around those two concepts."

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College Admissions

"PTI tutors some students for a couple of weeks before a big test and others up to two years in preparation for the SAT," notes Mr. Schellscheldt.

The Princeton Review typically offers an 18-hour tutorial over six weeks, says Mr. Bock, adding that the tutors "also help to guide students through the college admissions procedures which can be daunting. What I most enjoy is the knowledge that we are helping students realize their dreams."

Finding the right tutor is very important, agree all of

these educational experts. Word-of-mouth and references from friends is frequently how tutors are located, and they are often current or former teachers or other professionals in a particular discipline.

The Office of Media Relations of Rutgers University advises parents to do their homework regarding prospective tutors.

- Ask for recommendations from teachers, principals, guidance counselors, and other parents.

- Ask the tutoring company for figures on how successful they have been: for example, the number of students whose test scores or grades have improved, and by how much.

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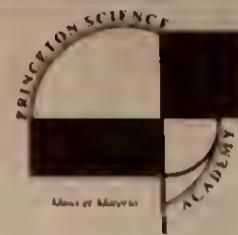
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Luring kids away from TV, video games, and computers is a challenge, adds Dr. Dean Pierson of Princeton Nassau Pediatrics. "But we try to get kids to be more active, and along with that, we really stress good bicycle safety. They must remember to wear helmets when biking or skateboarding."

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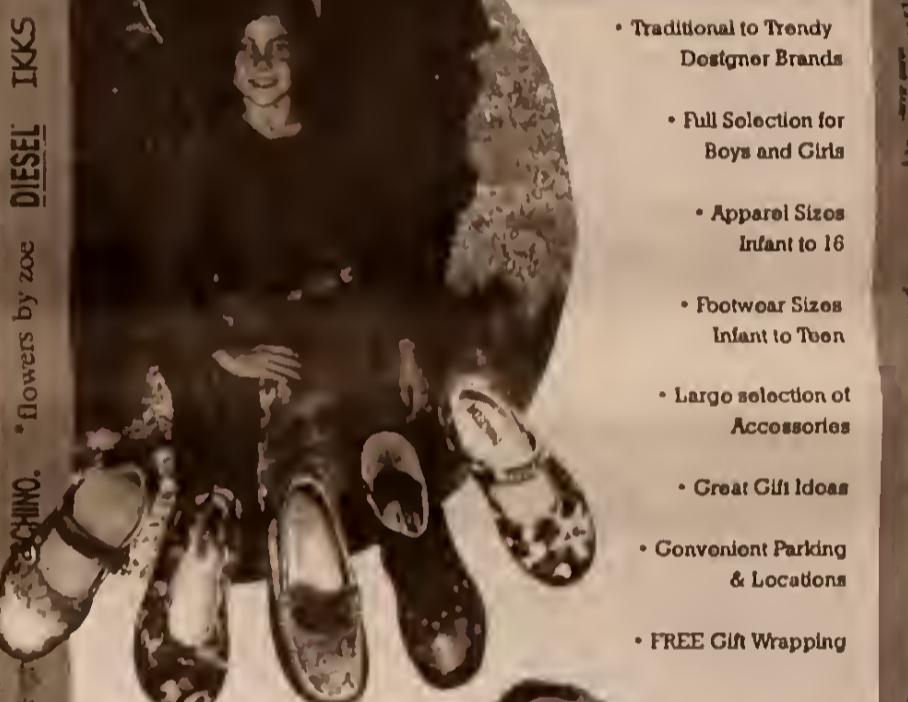
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Schools are emphasizing healthier choices on the lunch menu today, substituting fruit instead of cake and cookies, and providing other healthy snacks, notes a spokesperson for the Littlebrook School. In addition, classes in health are

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The Rutgers housing staff has compiled a list of the top 100 items that students need to bring to their dorm room and suggestions of what they should leave at home. Before investing money and time in shopping and packing, students should speak with their roommates to divide up responsibilities for bringing certain items such as television sets, rugs, and audio equipment.

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Envelopes.

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Highlighters.

Hygiene items.

Iron/Ironing board.

Jeans.

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Laundry bag or basket.

Laundry detergent and fabric softener.

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Money for books, food, entertainment, school apparel.

Music.

Nail clippers.

Names, addresses, phone numbers and policy numbers of medical, credit card, and insurance companies.

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Last week, Erik, his parents, his best friend, and his brother and sister all left for Boston, where Erik underwent surgery on Monday morning, August 14.

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mother, Norma Zimmerman who has worked for 25 years in computer operations. Her husband, Erik Sr., is a bus driver for South Hunterdon Regional High School.

Medical Costs

Even with health insurance, a chronic illness or disability can drain a family's financial

resources and medical expenses for Erik continue to rise, said Susan Gherardi, a family friend who has organized a Ride4Erik motorcycle run in East Amwell Township to help the Zimmers meet their expenses.

As a result of complications due to the treatment he received, Erik wears glasses, uses hearing aids, and performs his schoolwork with the aid of a laptop.

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The rising costs of health care, and the daily medicines Erik needs have put a strain on the Zimmerman family. Even at a discounted rate, Erik's hearing aids alone cost the Zimmerman family \$2,000 a pair.

Ride4Erik

The Ride4Erik motorcycle run will take place on Sunday, August 27. The ride will start at 11 a.m. at the Flemington Elks Lodge on Route 31 in Flemington and return to the Lodge after traveling through Hunterdon county. For ride participants, registration begins at 9 a.m. Registration for the event is \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event.

Following the motorcycle event, festivities from noon to 6 p.m. include live bands, children's games, a lumberjack contest, horse and carriage rides, food, and a silent auction.

If he feels up to it, said Ms. Gherardi, Erik will ride in the sidecar of the lead motorcycle.

"I want Erik to feel like we are having a huge celebration for him," she said. "His parents never want him to know just how much his medical expenses were, and are."

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